

By Harry Raymond

There is hardly a single phase of American life today that has not at one time or another been subjected to the lawless scrutiny of that 20th Century eavesdropper, the telephone wire-tapper.

You, though a law-abiding citizen, may have a tap on your telephone at this very moment. Although federal law and the U. S. Constitution forbid the tapping of phones of persons suspected of crime, an FBI agent may be making mechanical recordings of all your telephone conversations merely because you are said to be a progressive in politics, are a trade union leader or have been secretly named as one not fully measuring up to the Ku Klux Klan standards of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Never in the history of the nation have so large a number of Americans been subjected to such autocratic clandestine surveillance as gentry of the wire-tapping fraternity are now imposing. The current invasion of civil rights was initiated by Tom Clark and when he was U. S. Attorney General. Now, with Clark elevated to the Supreme Court bench, the invasion continues under the leadership of his successor, Attorney General J. Howard McGrath.

Wire-tapping is an illegal and sordid business, whether practiced by officers of the law or criminals bent on blackmail. The late Supreme Court Justice Wendell Holmes called it a "dirty business." The Supreme Court has ruled in several cases that evidence secured by wire-tapping is not admissible in Federal Court.

Yet J. Edgar Hoover's FBI continues, in face of the Supreme Court warnings, to expand its wire-tapping activities. It has organized a vast nationwide network to eavesdrop on telephones. The FBI director has constructed what amounts to a mammoth

invisible ear, which he keeps constantly tuned to the private affairs of the so-called free American people.

The late Fiorello LaGuardia, during his last term as Mayor of the City of New York, ordered a secret investigation of the telephone lines in City Hall. The investigators detected a tap on the Mayor's own phone line. The tapping, LaGuardia told me later, was revealed to have been done by officers of a federal government agency and not by private political enemies as was alleged during the City Hall wire tap shake-up last year under Mayor O'Dwyer.

Trade secrets of the wire-tappers are generally kept well hidden from the public. But now and then the public is permitted a fleeting glance behind the scenes.

The curtain was lifted for a while during the wire-tap hearings in Federal Judge Sylvester Ryan's Foley Square courtroom in the Judith Coplon-Valentin Gubitchev espionage case.

There in that courtroom was presented a picture of
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U.S. Tanks for Formosa Loaded In Philadelphia on Turkish Vessel

Special to the Daily Worker

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 10.—Three hundred tanks and armored cars bristling with guns were being loaded on a Turkish freighter here today for shipment to the Kuomintang on Formosa. Loading of the armament, described by the Army as "excess," started when the S.S. Mardin docked at 9 a. m. Pier G North, foot of Allegheny Ave., Port Richmond.

The battle equipment all appeared to be in fighting trim. It arrived here on 90 Reading railroad freight cars. Most of them left the Lina, O., ordnance depot last Friday.

According to shipping interests, the purchase was made by Commerce International China, Inc. Fifteen additional freight carloads of scout cars and half tracks are due to be loaded here.

A 37-millimeter gun could be seen poking from each tank turret. A frame box wired be-

hind each turret apparently housed a spare engine. The commander of the Mardin, Captain Nuri Yilmaz, told reporters he was taking a shipment of sulphite to Formosa. Asked where the tanks were being taken, he replied, "I can't say." "Where's your next port of call?" he was asked. "I don't know," he answered.

In local shipping quarters, it was learned that the Mardin is expected to sail next week.

A bill of lading declared the armor was for "armored force command Republic of China, Keelung, Taiwan."

Stevedores at Pier G told reporters they estimated the shipment consisted of about 75 tanks and the rest in armored cars. They said it was the fifth shipment of tanks they have handled for China and doubted whether all could be loaded on the Mardin.

All markings of the Army armored command

except the registration numbers had been painted out on the tanks. The last tank shipment to China from here was reported to have been last month.

In Washington, the State Department was reported in the local press to have declared that the shipment was bought by the Chinese Government and constitutes no new American aid to Chiang Kai-shek.

The Kuomintang was alleged to have either used funds remaining from the 125 million dollars voted them by Congress, or made the purchase with money of their own.

Michael McDermott, State Department press officer, was quoted as declaring, "We still recognize the Nationalist government and would interpose no objection to its exporting this material from this country."

Senate Group Asks Law to Hogtie Miners

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The Senate Banking Committee today sent to the Judiciary Committee a report urging new legislation to make John L. Lewis and the United Mine

Legislature Gets ALP Anti-Bias Housing Bill

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, Jan. 10.—A state fair housing bill, sponsored by the American Labor Party, was introduced in both houses of the legislature today. The bill would bar tax exemptions to housing projects, such as the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company's Stuyvesant Town, which excludes Negroes as tenants. The bill was introduced by Sen. Fred G. Moritt and Assemblyman Bertram Baker, both of Brooklyn.

Under its provisions, any person denied tenancy because of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry in public-financed housing developments, could sue for treble damages.

The bill also would make it unlawful to use any of the federal funds under the Federal Housing Act of 1949 for projects which practice discrimination.

A clearly-defined clause forbids subsidized housing projects from probing tenants on their race, religion or national origin.

State Validates City Rent Law Until May 1

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, Jan. 10.—Gov. Dewey today signed the state stop-gap bill validating the city rent law, which was declared void by the Court of Appeals on Dec. 29. The governor signed the measure after the Senate had approved such validation by 37 to 12, and the assembly by 133 to 9. The law is to run until May 1.

In his message on the bill, the Governor took pot-shots at the Federal and O'Dwyer administration.

Dewey recalled that the Federal Government had argued before the Court of Appeals that even the state's validation of the city law would be declared unconstitutional.

'Worker' Announces Staff Changes

Changes in the duties of some editors of this paper were announced yesterday by John Gates, editor-in-chief of The Worker and the Daily Worker.

Joseph Starobin, who has been foreign editor of both papers in recent years, is limiting his responsibilities to The Worker.

Joseph Clark, who has been city editor for the past two years, becomes foreign editor of the Daily Worker.

Max Gordon, for many years a special writer and editor on city and state politics, has been named city editor.

Starobin will write regularly for The Worker, and contribute from time to time to the Daily Worker. He will discontinue his column "Around the Globe," which will be taken over as soon as possible by Clark.

Clark, who joined the staff of these papers as a member of its foreign department, after

workers subject to anti-trust laws. This was the most recent move in a Capitol Hill gangup to block the miners' drive for wage boosts and increased operators' contributions to the welfare fund.

The Banking Committee report, prepared under the direction of Sen. Willis Robertson (D-Va.), held that specific proposals for legislation would have to come from the Judiciary Committee. The report marbled testimony of a number of coal operators and corporation attorneys to stress the following conclusions:

- That the three-day week prevailing in the coal fields is possible only because the United Mine Workers is a strong organization.
- The UMW is a "monopoly" of labor in the coal fields.
- That under existing laws, it is either difficult or impossible to prosecute Lewis, the miners or other mine leaders.
- New legislation is needed.

"No one can doubt that a bill forbidding in general terms the monopolization of labor would straighten out the present situation," the report said.

UNANIMOUS

Ten members of the Banking Committee were present and voted unanimously for the report, a committee clerk said. These were Burnet Maybank (D-SC); Glen Taylor (D-Ida); Willis Robertson (D-Va); John Sparkman (D-Ala); Allen Frear (D-Del); Paul Douglas (D-Ill); Russell Long (D-La); Homer Capehart (R-Ind); Ralph Flanders (R-Vt); Harry Cain (R-Wash).

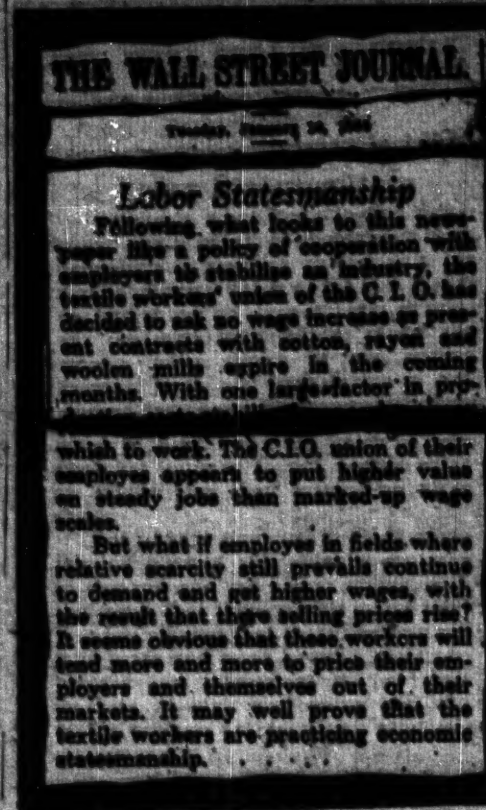
Soon after the report was made public Sen. Douglas issued a hurried statement asserting that his vote was "not intended to signify approval of all the contents of the report. It was my understanding that the committee action was likewise limited to approval of its transmission, not of its contents."

ATTACKS STRIKES

The report acknowledged that the three-day week in the coal fields and "stabilization strikes" motivated the committee's investigation of "the economic power of labor organizations." Testimony of attorney Rolla D. Campbell was quoted to the effect that the strategy of the UMW is designed to stabilize the industry and to "soften up the producers so they

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WALL ST. LAUDS RIEVE'S NO-RAISE POLICY



While president Emil Rieve of the Textile Workers Union presided in Washington over a "trial" of CIO progressive-led unions, the Wall Street Journal yesterday ran an editorial praising him for "labor statesmanship."

"Following what looks to this newspaper like a policy of cooperation with employers to stabilize an industry, the Textile Workers Union of the CIO has decided to ask no wage increase as present contracts with cotton, rayon and woolen mills expire in the coming months," said the "Journal."

The voice of Big Business saw Rieve's "stabilization" of wages as a great advantage to the textile industry and added:

"The CIO union of their employees appears to put higher value on steady jobs than marked up wage scales."

"But what if employees in fields

where relative scarcity still prevails continue to demand and get higher wages? It seems obvious that those workers will tend more to price their employers and themselves out of their markets."

The Journal omitted mention of these facts:

• This is the third annual contract in a row Rieve's union has passed without a raise.

• The textile workers remain among the very lowest paid of any major industry.

• Rieve's union is also cooperating with employers for a speed-up of production and higher workloads.

• It is in the textile industry, where wage raises have been passed up for three years, that unemployment is greater than in any other industry and "steady jobs" are as uncommon as in the pre-war depression days.

Judge Asks Pointed Query on Ober Law

By Mel Fiske

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 10.—A point-blank question—does the Ober Law advise courts to adjudge Communists guilty because they are Communists?—was dodged by the Maryland State's attorney before the State Court of Appeals today.

The question was fired at Attorney General Hammond by Judge Charles Markell.

"Is that's what the law means," Markell declared, "it's a waste of time to hear arguments about its constitutionality."

Attorneys for the Communist Party, Maurice Braverman of Baltimore and Bernard Jaffe of New York City, argued that the law did, in its preamble, set up a legal standard that courts were bound to accept. The Communists are guilty before they enter court, Braverman told the six Maryland Appeals Court judges.

Hammond replied that courts didn't have to follow the preamble, but he refused to say whether the courts were bound by it in considering cases arising out of the entire law.

In another state retreat from the defense of the law since Judge Joseph Sherbow's decision invalidating it last August, Hammond asked the court not to decide the case, but to presume the law is valid until a more specific case arises under it.

He said the Communist Party is not "properly aggrieved." His assistant, Charles Harvey, said:

Albany Bill Would Ban Court Picketing

ALBANY, Jan. 10.—The first repressive bill in the 1950 legislative session limiting civil rights was introduced today.

Assemblyman Thomas A. Duffy, Queens Democrat, proposed amendments to the penal law to prevent picketing in front of courthouses where civil or criminal trials are being held. Such picketing would be "disorderly conduct"

Get 20 Days File Briefs on Feinberg Law

Special to the Daily Worker

ALBANY, Jan. 10.—The Appellate Division, third department, today denied a motion by Sen. C. Moritt, to—rush the Feinberg "thought control" bill to the Court of Appeals for a quick decision on its constitutionality. Moritt was granted the required 20-day period to prepare his case for the Appellate Division hearing.

Sen. Moritt said that while "on the face of it" the Appellate Division's opinion rejected his motion "I got what I wanted." This was the right to a 20-day period in which he and "friends of the court" could file briefs.

Relief Cuts Will Hit Disabled Vets Most

By Louise Mitchell

Five years after the war, the unemployed and disabled veteran is the neglected man of New York City. In less than a year the number of veterans on home relief has jumped 100 percent, from 3,605 cases in January, 1949, to 7,500 in December of the same year.

Adding to the misery of the disabled veteran on relief, of whom it is estimated there are 5,000, is the Welfare Department itself. Totally disabled veterans receiving public assistance will be hardest hit if the new cuts ordered for Jan. 16 go into effect.

The phenomenal increase in the number of veterans on public assistance rolls is due in large part to the termination of the "52-20" adjustment allowances last summer. Thousands of veterans deprived of these Veteran Administration benefits and without jobs were forced to apply for home relief.

CUTS FOR VETS

In addition to the regular cut in food, clothing and incidental items amounting to from \$3 to \$4 monthly for each person on public assistance, veterans with the highest disability will receive other

cuts, ranging as high as \$6.20 monthly.

Under the Welfare Department regulations in operation until Jan. 16, a disabled veteran was permitted to keep for himself 15 percent of his total Veteran Administration allowance for expenses incidental to his disability.

As a result, a totally disabled veteran receiving \$138 monthly kept \$20.70 which was not included in the relief budget. Under the new regulations, a disabled veteran is only permitted to keep a maximum of \$14.50.

The failure to continue "50-20" allowances and other benefits for veterans has resulted from the almost complete breakdown of the drive for veterans' rights. The American Veterans Committee, formerly the most vigorous in behalf of ex-GIs, has been corroded by the red-baiting poison of the leadership to the extent that its constructive program has fallen by the wayside and its national membership has been reduced to a few thousand.

Coming — this weekend — in The Worker

William Z. Foster recalls the price labor has paid because of

'SUICIDAL SPLITTING TACTICS'

White Rapists Slaughter 3 Negro Children

KOSCIUSKO, Miss., Jan. 10.—Three white men slaughtered three members of a Negro tenant farmer's family, after trying to rape his 14-year-old stepdaughter, the farmer, Thomas Harris, who was himself shot in the back and lungs, told the district attorney here.

One of the three white men was captured last night, and the other two are being hunted today by more than 100 volunteers. The district attorney, Henry Rodgers, said the captured man is Malcolm Whitt and the two still hunted are Leon Turner and Wendell

Whitt, Malcolm's brother. The three had been held in jail on charges of attempting to rape the stepdaughter, Pearlina Thurman, once before. They escaped from jail 11 days ago.

Harris told the district attorney that the three white men had come to his home late Sunday night. Turner told Harris he was going to rape the stepdaughter "or we're going to kill the whole damn bunch." After pushing Harris into the kitchen, Turner shot him in the back with a shotgun. While one of the Whitts

stood guard at the front door and the other at the back, Turner then went into the bedroom, where he killed three children: Frankie C. Thurman, 10; Mary Burnside, 8; and Ruby Nell Harris, 4.

Pearline, the 14-year-old stepdaughter, ran to the back door, but was kept in the house by one of the Whitts. She ran out of the front door and hid under the house but was driven out by the other Whitt. As she started up the front steps, Turner shot her in the arm and right breast.

Dep't Store Sales Down 7 Percent

Department Store sales in the New York area declined 7 percent last year, the first decline in 10 years, it was revealed by the Federal Reserve Board. Sharpest declines came in major household appliances, down 34 percent. Refrigerator sales alone slumped 41 percent.

Harvard Adds 4th 'R'—Rope-Climbing

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 10 (UP).—Rope climbing today became a compulsory subject for most Harvard freshmen.

Between now and Jan. 18, all freshmen living above the ground floor in seven non-fireproof dormitories must be able to lower themselves twice down a 12-foot rope in the gym.

1,500,000 Strike In Italy, Hit Slayings

MILAN, Italy, Jan. 10.—Strikes by 1,500,000 workers today protested the killing of six demonstrators by police and the wounding of 110 others at Modena yesterday. The protest strikes extended to Rome, where chemical and building workers struck until midnight, and buses and street cars halted a short time for rallies at depots. All printers except those engaged in newspaper work stopped their duties at midnight to remain out for the day.

A general strike was staged in the Emilia area around Modena.

A strike of Bologna rail workers halted all main line travel north and south, and trains that left Rome last night were stalled at Bologna. Southbound trains were re-routed through Genoa.

At Milan a crowd of 10,000 striking steel workers cheered when Socialist Sen. Francesco Mariani blamed the Government for the Modena attack.

"If things go on like this the day does not appear far off when the people of the liberation, the Partisans, will again be in the public square," he said.

The strikes ranged from one to 24 hours in duration.

The country's 700,000 steel workers constituted the largest organized group to strike, and they began a 24-hour walkout at 6 a.m.

The National Labor Federation ordered an emergency meeting of its executive council in Modena

By Joseph Starobin

LAKE SUCCESS, Jan. 10.—The Soviet Union gave a dramatic demonstration of its support for New China today when its UN delegate announced that he would not take part in the Security Council meetings until the Kuomintang spokesman was expelled from that body.

Jacob Malik, of the USSR, took the crowded council session—the first in 1950—by surprise, as he walked out of the chamber when the chairman, T. F. Tsiang, of the

Kuomintang, was upheld in a test vote.

Malik's challenge was directed at Tsiang's right to represent China, and was made more dramatic by the fact that the Kuomintang representative—"a person who represents nobody," Malik insisted, "happens to be the council chairman for the month of January."

The Soviet representative emphasized that he was acting on instructions from his Government, in full support of a telegram from the Chinese foreign minister, Chou En-lai, to Trygve Lie, the UN secretary general, calling the "Kuomintang reactionary remnant clique" illegal, and demanding that they be "expelled from the council."

MALIK'S MOTION

Malik raised his hand on a point of order, even before the Council's order of business was adopted, and proposed a resolution which would have had the Council withdraw recognition from the Kuomintang and exclude its delegates from the Security Council.

In arguing for this resolution, the tall, broad-shouldered Soviet deputy foreign minister warned that "if the Security Council does not take suitable measures for the removal from the Security Council of the representative of the Kuomintang group, the Soviet Union's delegation will not participate in the Security Council until the rep-

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To Honor Subscription Pace-Setters at Dinner

A full house is expected for the dinner honoring Pace-Setters in the current Worker sub-drive tonight (Wednesday) at Yugoslav-American Hall at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the State Committee of the Communist Party, the dinner will be highlighted by the presentation of the State Committee Plaque to the leading county that has come nearest to the 70 percent quota set for the Third Milestone of the drive.

Playing hosts to the Pace Setters will be Robert Thompson, William Norman, Mae Miller and others for the New York State Committee of the Communist Party, and John Cates, Abner Berry, Alan Max, Milton Howard, and John Pittman of the Daily Worker and The Worker editorial boards.

Indiana Leads in Worker Sub Drive

Last weekend's press mobilizations brought in 4,003 Worker subscriptions—an all-time high in the current drive. The record was chalked up by the Communist Parties in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Illinois, and Western Pennsylvania.

Indiana is leading with 58 percent of its quota. New Jersey and Connecticut are tied with 54 percent. Western Pennsylvania has 48 1/2 percent.

In New York, Queens leads with 53 percent, closely followed by the Bronx with 51 percent, Brooklyn with 50 percent. Manhattan has 37 percent.

While the three leading counties have sparked the drive, New York State's quota as a whole is slow

with only 36.6 percent, because of Manhattan lag. Also lagging is New York's Youth groups, which has not yet gotten under way.

GRATIFIED AT RESULTS

The National Press Committee declared yesterday it was "gratified" at last week's results, which it viewed as "further proof" that the drive for 39,000 new subs can be completed.

The drive has been extended to Feb. 12.

To accomplish this in the next five weeks, 5,000 subs will have to be gotten weekly.

To hit this tempo, the committee is calling upon all districts to organize "all-out mobilizations" for the coming weekend. This is one of two national weekends desig-

nated by the Committee. The other is Jan. 28-29.

Eugene Dennis, chairman of the committee, has sent letters to New York, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Eastern Pennsylvania and New England Communist leaders calling their attention to the lag in these states.

Pointing out they are key to the success of the drive, Dennis called upon them to give priority to mobilizing their entire membership to fulfill their drive quotas.

The Committee views the successful completion of the drive as a major political task, it declared this week.

"We cannot approach realistically the fight for peace and the 1950 campaign," Dennis asserted, "without a successful press drive."

USSR Refuses to Sit in UN Council with Chiang's Stooge

Chiang Loses 3 Hainan Bases

HONG KONG, Jan. 10.—Peking Radio reported today that Liberation forces on Hainan Island captured three strategic points last week, including a strongpoint near Hoihow, the island capital.

U. S., Britain, India in Deal on Tibet

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The United States, Britain and India have worked out a deal to try to keep Tibet from joining the People's Republic of China, it was indicated by a high official here today.

The Dala Lama of Tibet was said to have made known his intention of sending "ministers" to Britain and the United States. British officials said the suggestion had been accepted by the British government. The Dala Lama's suggestion, it was said, was made through the Indian government's political resident in Lhasa.

Empire Nations Debate China Recognition

COLOMBO, Ceylon, Jan. 10.—Differences of opinion on the recognition of the People's Republic of China were reported to have marked the session of the Commonwealth foreign ministers here today.

Britain, India, Pakistan and Ceylon have recognized the Peking government while Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa have not yet done so.

Gasperi to "Reshape" Cabinet

ROME, Jan. 10.—Authoritative Government sources said today that Premier Alcide de Gasperi would resign Thursday to reshape his cabinet.

British General Elections Feb. 23

LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 11 (UP).—Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee's office announced today that a general election for members of the House of Commons would be held Feb. 23.

'Sun-Times' Flays Stewart-Warner

CHICAGO, Jan. 10.—The Chicago Sun-Times has joined in denunciation of Stewart-Warner Corp.'s policy requiring workers to sign non-Communist affidavits or be fired. The Sun-Times editorial followed a similar one in the Chicago Daily News.

ACLU Asks Senate Probe Wire-tapping

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The Senate Judiciary Committee was called on today by the American Civil Liberties Union and Americans for Democratic Action to investigate wiretapping by the FBI and measures to halt it.

Memo to the Reader

By ALAN MAX
Managing Editor

Attended a breakfast Sunday morning of Worker sub-getters of the 8th and 10th A.D.'s in Manhattan's Yorkville. They got 36 subs that morning. At the breakfast I was asked to be sure to let you know that I wasn't being fed fox. It's a German-American, Hungarian-American, Italian-American and Negro neighborhood and what was served was Nova Scotia salmon, which is a kind of united front fox.

Joe Roberts visited the 11th A.D. in Harlem Sunday and tells of one sub-getter who went out to try to locate a certain prospective subscriber. Couldn't locate him, so spoke to the janitor of the building who was unable to supply the information. Sold a sub to the janitor instead.

Erik Bert, our news editor, tells of a social gathering of renewal brigadiers in Parkchester (Bronx) Saturday night. Ninety-eight subs were turned in that night—they had hoped for 75. Leading renewal brigadiers: Tony, 18; Hilda, 14; Gussie, 13; Elsie, 10. Tony not really a "renewal" brigadier at all—16 of his 18 subs are new ones. Says he uses the chain-reaction method—gets a new subscriber to give him the names of prospects.

Today's POINT of ORDER

Our State Department's policy toward China has reached a fitting climax—we shell out millions to Chiang and he shells us.

Judge Orders Gov't Prosecute Its Stoolie In Bridges Case

Special to the Daily Worker

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—Judge George B. Harris today ordered U. S. Attorney Frank J. Hennessy and the Federal Grand Jury to take action on the confessed perjury of "Lawrence Seton Ross," prosecution witness in the Harry Bridges trial. Ross, as he calls himself, appeared stunned. Government prosecutors had fought tooth and nail to extricate him from the fabric of lies he had been forced to confess yesterday.

The judge's action climaxed so-called "phase 2" of the prosecution's fourth attempt to frame Bridges. The other two finger men chosen to play stellar roles in the second phase, Manning Johnson and Paul Crouch, had also been caught lying under oath.

Vincent Hallinan, defense attorney who had campaigned vigorously for immediate action against Ross, renewed his demand that perjury charges be lodged against Crouch and Johnson also.

"The only difference between these three perjurers is that one of them, Ross, recanted when he was faced with exposure," said the attorney. "The other two decided to stick by their lies. They are equally guilty."

Judge Harris, however, declined to move further against the other two stoolpigeons. He has already ordered the two to remain under subpoena for the duration of the trial "for the purposes of the defense."

The government's farcical phase 2 was supposed to establish the yarn that Harry Bridges was a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party from 1936 to 1938. The only point proved, however, was that two professional finger men and an amateur, Crouch, Johnson and Ross lied and had lied under oath with government approval.

The third phase of the trial began today with the calling to the witness stand of Lew Michener, former regional director of the CIO United Auto Workers in southern California. In this third and last phase, the government, it is expected, will round up some local stoolpigeons to allege some connection between Bridges and the Communists in more recent years. In addition to Michener, the names of Mervyn Rathbone and George Wilson, former CIO officials, have been mentioned repeatedly.

Acheson Admits Japan Is Military Base

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today the United States has an "impregnable" defense line in the Pacific without Formosa.

He spent all day with the Senate Foreign Relations Committee defending the Administration's Far Eastern policy.

Chairman Tom Connally (D-Tex) quoted Acheson as saying the nation's "line of security" in the Pacific is based on Japan, Okinawa and the Philippines, and that "with bases on those territories the United States would have an impregnable defense line."

CIO's Police Spy Is Proved Liar by UPW

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—The CIO trial committee in the hearing being held here to expel United Public Workers was willing and eager to take the testimony of a confessed labor spy today against the union.

But it turned out that the star witness couldn't make good.

Charles Rindone, of New York, asserted that in 1938 he had attended a "secret" meeting of CP members at Stuyvesant Casino with Abram Flaxer, UPW president. In 1937, he said, he recruited Lawrence Kammet, now the union's publicity director, into the union and the Communist Party.

He also boasted that he was an undercover agent of the New York police department.

Even before Rindone began, his "revelations" had appeared in the first edition of the Scripps-Howard Washington Daily News.

Flaxer protested at the use of a labor spy and moved the testimony be stricken out. Emil Rieve, chairman of the trial committee, refused.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

On cross-examination, it developed not only that Rindone's testimony was false but he could not prove even his claim to be a Police department employee was untrue.

At the time Rindone swore he recruited Kammet into the CP, Kammet, it turned out, was no

longer employed by the Welfare Department.

Rindone also became vague on the date of the alleged Stuyvesant Casino meeting.

He insisted he heard Flaxer argue for the re-election of Sol Solkin as general manager of a UPW local.

"But in 1938, I myself was general manager of that local," Flaxer told newsmen later.

The first union witness took the stand today. He was Alfred Bernstein, director of negotiations. Tomorrow Flaxer will testify. Only two other witnesses are permitted the union. They are Thomas Richardson, chairman of the UPW's anti-discrimination committee and Ewart Guinier, international secretary-treasurer.

Police Victim to Be Tried Here Today

The assault trial against James Taylor, Harlem citizen shot this summer by off duty cop Abraham Yudenfreund, will come up today (Wednesday) in General Sessions, 100 Centre St., before Judge Francis L. Valente.

ALP Group Stays In Welfare Office To Hit Relief Cut

An American Labor Party delegation remained in the lobby of the Department of Welfare's office last night at 902 Broadway, after being barred earlier from seeing Welfare Commissioner Raymond M. Hilliard to protest relief cuts scheduled to go into effect Monday.

Invisible Ear

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some 50 FBI men tapping indiscriminately the phone lines of the defendants and others in flagrant violation of Supreme Court rulings and clear language of the Federal Communications Act.

Evidence showed the illegal FBI wire-tap recordings included conversations with newspaper reporters, a quarrel between Miss Coplon's brother and his wife and conversations between Miss Coplon and Archibald Palmer, her attorney.

The tapping of Miss Coplon's talks with her attorney was a clear violation of the Sixth Amendment of the Constitution guaranteeing the accused in a criminal prosecution assistance of counsel. It is impossible for a defendant in a federal criminal case to enjoy unhampered, untrammelled and effective assistance of counsel while government agents are engaging in eavesdropping on consultations between the lawyer and the defendant.

The full extent of the FBI's illegal activities in connection with the Coplon-Gubitchev case and scores of other cases will perhaps never be made public. The FBI agents said they destroyed most of the wire-tap recordings.

Strictures of the court did not permit a full investigation and exposure of the lawless wire-tapping. Complete investigation, testimony at the hearings indicated, may show that even the United Nations telephone lines were violated by U.S. officers in connection with the Gubitchev case.

(This series will continue tomorrow with an article on wire-tapping and the law.)

The ALP threw a picket line of several hundred persons around the Welfare building in the late afternoon.

Earlier in the day Mayor O'Dwyer was compelled to make a face-saving gesture because of mounting protests to the cuts. He announced he had wired state and federal officials urging them to start a study of the city's public assistance budgets to determine their adequacy.

The Mayor, however, did not call off the cuts.

The Community Service Society, largest private welfare agency in the country, also urged yesterday that the cuts be revoked.

Buck-passing O'Dwyer blamed the state for the cut in relief although on an earlier occasion state welfare authorities backed out from ordering the cut.

Isidore Blomberg, executive secretary of New York Tenant Council, disclosed that his organization had arranged an appointment with Mrs. Ruth Whaley, director of public relations of the Welfare Department, for Thursday morning to discuss recognition of the city-wide tenant group as an authorized body to negotiate on relief problems and cases with the Department.

The Brooklyn Council on Rent and Housing, an affiliate of the citywide group, has already received that recognition.

Mayor O'Dwyer made his statement at a meeting with Morris Lushewitz, secretary treasurer of the City CIO Council, and James Quinn, secretary-treasurer of the AFL Central Trades and Labor Council. Both groups entered the struggle against relief cuts after a protest movement was well under way.

The ALP delegation was headed by Russ Nixon, of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers; Bill Stanley, of the Unemployed Welfare and Allied Council of Harlem; Dr. Clementine J. Paoline, Geraldine Shandros, State ALP secretary Arthur Schutzer and ALP trade union director Donald Allen.

AFL MUSICIANS REINSTATE 2 EXPELLED BY LEADERS

By Bernard Burton

The membership of AFL Musicians Local 802 Monday reinstated two militants who had been expelled by the local's leaders. The two musicians were Alan Kimmel and Sully Childs, who oppose local President Richard McCann's Blue Ticket. Kimmel and Childs had been expelled by a packed trial board upon charges from McCann. It was the first time in the local's history that a trial committee decision was reversed.

Basis of the charge was the distribution by the two unionists of an American Party leaflet during the last election campaign. The leaflets took issue with an article by McCann in the September issue of Allegro, union magazine, in which McCann had lauded the British Labor Government, dismissing its anti-Israel policy as "short-sighted and short-lived."

The leaflet, issued by the Musicians Club of the ALP, charged McCann with condoning British

Foreign Secretary Bevin's anti-Semitism.

On this basis, McCann charged them with calling him an anti-Semite and stirring up religious division in the local. The men denied the charge.

They appeared before the trial committee last October with 50 defense witnesses, of whom 22 were allowed to testify. McCann mustered three witnesses, all of them paid employees of the union.

EXPELLED THEM

The committee, nonetheless, rendered a verdict of guilty with a penalty of expulsion.

First opportunity for appeal by Kimmel and Childs came with the meeting last Monday. It was one of the local's largest membership meetings, with some 1,000 members turning out at Palm Garden on West 52 St.

Kimmel's defense at the meeting drew strong applause while the trial committee reports was given a cold reception.

China Says Actions, Not Words Will Test British Sincerity

HONG KONG, Jan. 10.—The Chinese People's Republic's Peking radio today attacked Great Britain's past record as a colonial power and warned that in the future "action, not words" will count.

Although the Chinese people accept British diplomatic recognition on the basis of "equality, mutual benefit and mutual respect for territorial sovereignty," in the future it will be "action, not words" that count, the radio said.

Britain granted chairman Mao Tze-tung's government unconditional de jure recognition Friday. Last night the Peking radio announced that the Chinese government had accepted and would agree to establish diplomatic relations.

The Peking broadcast, monitored here, questioned Britain's sincerity in granting recognition. It referred to Britain's past record in China which, it said, still was "fresh in the minds of the Chinese

people." It criticized British policy in Malaya.

It called on the peoples of southeast Asia to "rise against imperialists as the Chinese people have done." It warned it was their only hope of freedom.

The broadcast recalled that Britain had accepted Foreign Minister Chou En-lai's overture only after 13 other countries had done so and three months and six days after the establishment of the administration at Peking.

Retention of British consuls in the Kuomintang headquarters on Formosa made Britain's statement that it had severed relations with them open to question, it added.

The broadcast, quoting a dispatch distributed by the New China News Agency, also blasted the British government's "London Press Service."

From the very beginning the London Press Service (LPS) "rude-

ly misrepresented" the Peking government as "the Chinese Communist government," it said.

It also quoted an LPS dispatch comparing the case to "Franco Spain," and saying recognition of Mao's regime in no way implied sympathy for the Communists.

"Here the British imperialist elements have not concealed in the least their inherent hostility toward the People's Republic of China," the broadcast said.

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Plight of Jobless Arouses All Unions in Rochester

By Max Gordon

With three times as many workers jobless at the end of 1949 as in 1948, the plea for unity of all sections of labor behind an expanded unemployment insurance program has been particularly strong here. The local AFL paper, Labor News, featured a statement a couple of weeks ago by Graydon D. Lonthair, secretary of Rochester Lodge 93 of the International Association of Machinists. Lonthair pleaded for "all unionists, no matter what affiliation" to get behind the plan for extending jobless pay from its present 26 weeks, and to jack up benefits.

Lonthair was laid off from the Auburn Ball Bearing works on March 1, has been unemployed since. He has drawn his 26 weeks of benefits, and is now through. "The problem of workers, exhausting their unemployment checks... is acute," Lonthair said. "I ought to know, having exhausted mine last week. And where do I go from here? It's either my meager savings, and the dole, or both!"

The AFL Carpenters here have addressed a special plea to the State AFL asking that it put the heat on for extension of jobless pay.

20 PERCENT JOBLESS

Another AFL local, the Laborers, reported recently that 20 percent of the membership is out of work.

In 1948, the number of workers drawing jobless pay checks in Rochester fluctuated between 5,000 and 7,000 a week.

In January, 1949, the number went up to 10,000. On April, it hit 13,500 in July, it was up to 17,000. From August through October, it fluctuated between 18,000 and 20,000, hitting 22,000 at the end of October.

On November 23, it was up to 25,300 dropping to 23,700 the following week.

On Dec. 9, more than 21,000 filed for jobless pay, or just about three times the 7,000 that filed in the first week of December, 1948.

This was the first week that workers began to exhaust their jobless pay for the year. By the next week 2,545 had exhausted their benefits. This was three times as many as had exhausted them in the first two weeks of 1948.

RELIEF "BOOMS"

Public Welfare Commissioner Jesse B. Hannan reported a "boom" in applications for relief as a result of exhaustions in unemployment insurance payments.

Rochester is a clothing center, with some 13,000 men's clothing workers members of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers. The largest shop, Bond's employs 3,000 at full production.

During the summer, the shop shut down for vacation, and many

DEWEY MACHINE PURGES FOES IN STATE AFL

ROCHESTER.

Governor Dewey's eight-year drive to win complete domination of the State Federation of Labor has virtually paralyzed the Rochester AFL Council.

Operating through the local Bricklayers' chief, James L. Burke, and using as its instrument a Taft-Hartley modeled anti-Communist affidavit, the Dewey machine has been trying to clean out of positions of influence those involved in the 1946 fight against his endorsement of the governor for reelection.

Burke became president of the Central Trades early in 1949 when Anthony Capone of the Teamsters declined to run for reelection. Capone led the movement within the State Federation for the Mead-Lehman ticket in 1946, while Burke headed the AFL Committee for Dewey.

Burke is a close associate of Tom Murray, State Federation president and Dewey stooge.

SETS UP INQUISITION

Despite his efforts to purge the Rochester Federation for the Dewey machine, Burke was forced to go along with an endorsement for Herbert Lehman in the recent Senate election because it would have finished him if he had given backing to John Foster Dulles.

Last February a Father Randall Burke forced through the Central Trades a constitutional amendment requiring every Council delegate to sign a "non-Communist affidavit."

were not called back. In September, only about 800 were working. With many workers making less than a dollar an hour, they have nothing in reserve. Their jobless pay is less than \$20 a week.

The shop has been working full time against only for the past few weeks.

Thus there is good reason for the strong sentiment among CIO Bond workers, AFL building trades craftsmen and members of the United Electrical Workers for united action to extend jobless benefits beyond the 26 weeks and raise the payments.

All sections of labor have gone on record for this at the present session of the State Legislature

along lines of the Taft-Hartley Law affidavit.

Father Randall actually spoke on the floor of the Council for the amendment, a rather unusual procedure for a non-delegate.

The amendment also set up a committee to "screen" the delegates.

Several delegates refused to sign, including those from the Laborers, the Pressmen and the Typographical Union. The Pressmen's and Laborers' delegates later signed the Laborers with a statement pledging a fight for repeal of the amendment.

SECRETARY BARRED

But Julius Loos, secretary of the Council and leader of the local Typographical Union, pointed out he had received instructions from his International not to sign any such affidavit.

Loos was barred by Burke from attending Council meetings. Burke expects to replace him with a stooge in tomorrow's Council election.

Several delegates introduced an amendment exempting those whose international unions prohibit their signing "non-Communist" affidavits. The Council has been sharply split on this amendment, which is due for a final vote tomorrow. Burke has again rejected demands for a closed ballot.

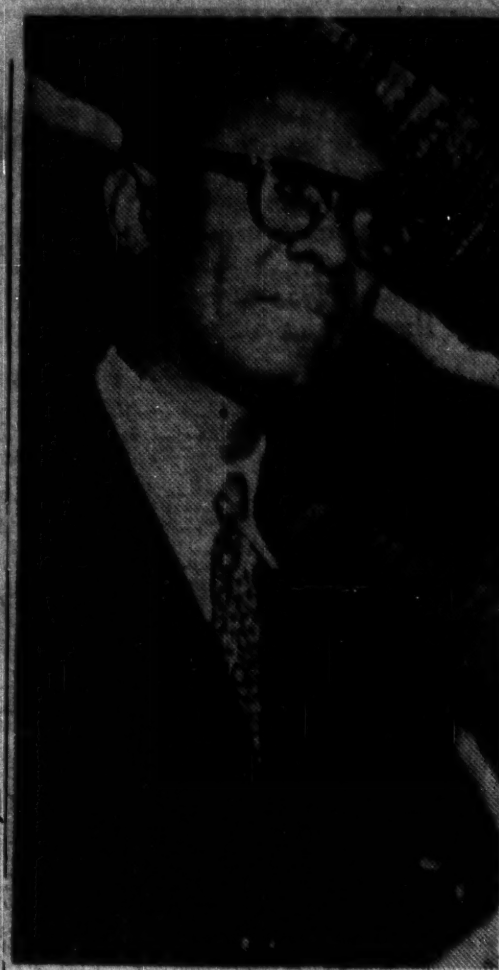
Since the whole issue of "non-Communist affidavits" was raised, almost a year ago, the Central Trades Council has been virtually inactive. It was once one of the most vigorous in the state.

Some AFL locals are asking a \$40-40 week bill.

The CIO at its last convention, also asked extension of benefits, increased pay and dependency benefits. The specific provisions have not been made public.

The United Electrical Workers is planning to ask \$40 for 32 weeks with additional dependents. The UE is preparing an active drive for its program in collaboration, if possible, with other sections of the labor movement. It is also proposing liberalization of New York's restrictive relief laws.

The basis for unity is thus present. If realized, it can wrest concessions even from the reactionary COP administration.



AZIKIWE

'Free Enterprise': Sylvania, Philco Named in Plot To Hog Trade

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (UP).—The Federal Trade Commission today accused Sylvania Electric Products, Inc., Boston, and Philco Corp., Philadelphia, of price discriminations on radio tubes.

The complaint charges Sylvania grants prices to Philco ranging from 7 to 49.5 cents a tube lower than it charges distributors. It also contends Philco knowingly induced and received better prices from Sylvania.

The commission said Philco is the largest single purchaser of Sylvania tubes, that Sylvania produces 25 percent of the nation's total tube output, and that Philco is the largest manufacturer of radio receiving sets.

Discriminatory prices charged in the complaint, according to the FTC, tend to create monopoly and "to injure, destroy or prevent competition" in the tube and radio industry.

Racist Hoodlum Gets Off With Lecture

Judge J. Roland Sala yesterday gave a suspended sentence and a talking-to to Thomas McMahon, 19-year-old youth who broke into a Chanukah Party on Dec. 23, and hurled anti-Semitic epithets at the gathering.

The Chanukah party was sponsored by Lodge 795 of the Jewish People's Fraternal Order.

Science Notebook, a column on latest developments in science, by Peter Stone, appears frequently in the Daily Worker.

Nigeria Leader Warns Britain Of People's Ire

By John Hudson Jones

Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, Nigerian nationalist leader, Monday warned the British government that unless it ceases its brutal repression and listens to the demands for self-government of the African colony, the people will take matters into their own hands. The American-educated president of the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons spoke to a score of reporters at the Hotel New Yorker.

Dr. Azikiwe expressed disillusionment with Truman's Point Four, which he recently discussed with State Department officials in Washington.

He told the State Department, Dr. Azikiwe declared, "We are beginning to doubt the United States' intentions for technical development of 'undeveloped areas'."

Himself a cocoa planter and publisher of five newspapers with national circulation, the 45-year-old Nigerian patriot declared that U.S. officials had balked at giving direct aid to the Nigerians, and said any help would have to go through London under the present Marshall Plan agreements.

"We feel that the United States can keep its gifts if they'll only help to tighten the noose around our necks," the tall, youthful-looking African declared.

LISTS OFFENSES

Azikiwe outlined a long list of grievances against the British which included:

- Nigerians can't sell their own minerals and other products. British agents do this and reap most of the profits.

- The British control the Nigerian legislature.

- The British dominate the General Conference for Revision of the Constitution, which is supposed to announce its recommendations shortly at Ibadan.

- Soldiers and police recently murdered 40 striking miners at Enugu.

- Artificial division of nation into three geographic areas which divide and separate tribes. The Nigerians want the nation divided into tribal and linguistic regions.

HITS PRESS LIES

Dr. Azikiwe lashed out at British newspapers such as the London Economist and the London Times, which had rebaited him.

Both had said he was recently going to Prague and Moscow to curry Soviet aid. Dr. Azikiwe said he had intended to go to a Conference on Human Rights in Prague which was called off.

"The result of the falsely angled stories," he said "was that it put ideas into our heads. My people wired me to travel into every capital of the eastern democracies and find out whether or not they could help us." The murder of the miners and the emergency it caused stopped this trip, he said.

"I have nothing for or against Russia," Dr. Azikiwe declared. "But my people are becoming disillusioned with the western democracies."

As for the "two blocs," he declared, "we will have no business with either unless it helps our aspirations of liberation."

Meeting in Heights

A meeting to protest the re-nazification of Germany will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 8:15 p.m. at Audubon Hall, 166 St. and Broadway.

Johannes Steel will speak.

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Martial Law in the Nation's Factories

By Mel Fiske

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson has not only assumed dictatorial power over the nation's industrial workers but he has given employers weapons with which to weaken and break unions.

By imposing a set of regulations giving police spies and military boards the power to order the firing of any worker, Johnson has also given employers the right to use the regulations as they see fit.

In the case of the Stewart-Warner Corp. in Chicago, the company required their employers to sign "loyalty" oaths. Those refusing to sign were fired. The company said it was following the National Military Establishment's orders.

Military officials and officers of the Munitions Board, which had a hand in drawing up Johnson's reg-

ulations, wouldn't say whether the Military Establishment ordered the oaths from individual workers, particularly of Stewart-Warner employees.

"I just can't say," Col. E. M. Tally, Jr., administrative officer of the Munitions Board's Industrial Employment Review Board, said when asked about Stewart-Warner.

"I can't give you any information," said Lt. Col. Francis M. Wray, executive officer of the IERB and former commanding officer of the board when it was under the control of the provost marshal of the army.

To escape criticism for the regulations, the Military Establishment reconstituted the Industrial Employment Review Board under the Munitions Board. Appeals from individuals denied access to military information are heard by

this board.

Three military officials, one of them a lawyer, and a civilian, are members of the board.

When the Daily Worker asked Maj. Gen. E. P. Parker, provost marshal of the Army, what specific changes were made between the old and new board procedures and criteria, Parker replied:

"I prefer not to put that out. What the old board did has nothing to do with what the new board will do, but I imagine the procedure is quite similar."

Tally said labor unions had been particularly critical of the old board's procedures and that the new regulations were established to avoid the criticism.

Johnson's director of public relations, William Frye, told the Daily Worker, however, that procedures and criteria had not been changed in creating the new

board. He said the main reason for the change had been to establish "uniformity of criteria" used by the Army, Navy and Air Force in judging "access to military information."

Guiding Secretary of Defense Johnson in acquiring this control was the lesson learned in the creation of the Defense Department itself. For the Secretary of Defense was handed powers that rivaled those accorded the President, all by the simple expedient of "streamlining" or "unifying" the U. S. military force.

Johnson, by reaching out to control the lives of most industrial workers in the nation, is seeking today to control more than the military forces. His power rivals those once held by Herman Goering, Hitler's military chief. The similarity should alarm American workers and their unions.

Post Bonds for Fines Of Dennis, Winter

The Communist Committee to Defend the 12 yesterday announced it had posted bonds covering \$10,000 fines against Eugene Dennis and Carl Winter, and part of the fine against Henry Winston. The money was raised by a special appeal which, it is hoped, will cover the amounts levied from all 11 defendants by Judge Harold R. Medina.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, chairman of the committee, yesterday released the parts of several letters which accompanied donations and pledges. One read:

"I read your appeal for funds in The Worker. The fact that such funds are needed, because the government is trying to hound thousands of good Americans who contributed to the Bail Fund of the Civil Rights Congress, is indeed shocking.

"I would like very much to help and if possible would like to see you personally to bring in \$5,000. The money was a gift from the person who taught me to respect and honor the ideals for which you stand and I feel that under these conditions there is no better place for it to give."

A Sincere Friend."

Another letter:

"I have read your emergency appeal in The Worker of Jan. 1 for an additional \$110,000 needed

by the Civil Rights Congress in its campaign to defend the 12 Communist leaders.

"May I say I have been quite moved by the great contribution you and your colleagues are making in the fight to save the Bill of Rights and defend your democracy.

"Although I may not completely agree with everything your group stands for, I realize you are carrying the main brunt of the fight.

"It is a shame that the government is trying to persecute the thousands of Americans who have loaned money to the Bail Fund of the Civil Rights Congress, and is attempting to use the Communist leaders as the medium for such attacks.

"Therefore, as one who has already made a loan to the Bail Fund, I am now contributing an additional \$2,500 in answer to your appeal. I also pledge, Miss Flynn, that within one month I will raise through my many friends, including some businessmen, an additional \$5,000.

A Friend."

One thousand dollars also came from California.

China Friendship Cargo to Sail Feb. 12

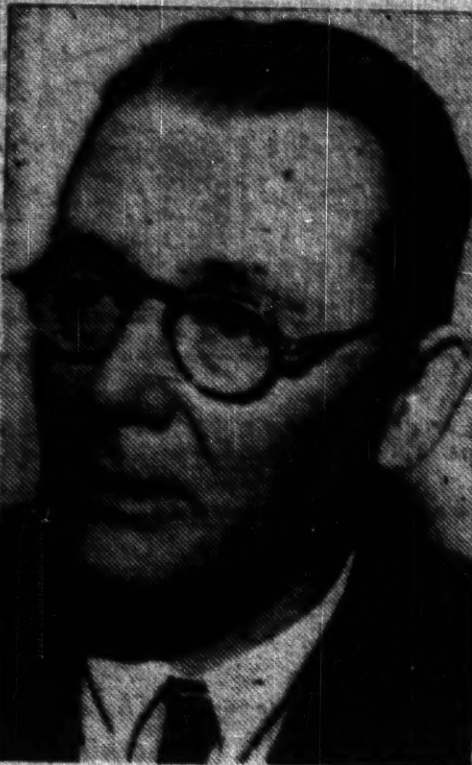
O John Rogge, former U. S. Assistant Attorney-General, Dr. Leo M. Davidoff, leading American neuro-surgeon and John T. McManus, general manager of the weekly National Guardian yesterday issued a national appeal for funds for a Friendship Cargo for the Chinese Republic.

Aim of the Friendship Cargo is to provide \$25,000 worth of drugs, surgical instruments and other medical supplies "urgently needed to win the battle for life and health" in postwar China.

Scheduled to leave the United States on Feb. 12, Lincoln's Birthday, Friendship Cargo will be distributed to hospitals, medical schools and child care centers through the facilities of the China Welfare Fund, the Chinese voluntary agency headed by Madame Sun Yat-sen since 1938. Headquarters of the fund are in Shanghai.

Funds for Friendship Cargo should be sent to Dr. Gerald I. Shapiro, treasurer, China Welfare Appeal, Inc., 439 Fourth Ave., New York 16.

An earlier shipment, consisting of equipment for a children's hospital, reached the International



OVERGAARD

Urge New Far East Policy: Friendship

The Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy yesterday urged that the Truman Administration pursue a policy calling for friendship, trade and recognition of People's Republic of China, with Formosa taking its rightful place in the republic.

The committee also called for strict non-intervention in the internal politics of all Far Eastern countries and a return to a policy of friendship and mutual assistance among democratic peoples.

Peace Hospital at Tainan late last year. This unit is already in operation under the direction of Dr. Arthur Chung, China Welfare Appeal Director and former Bellevue Hospital pediatrician, who accompanied the supplies to China.

Funds given for Friendship Cargo will be used to buy drugs, instruments and hospital supplies for the eight main and 42 branch International Peace Hospitals. These hospitals have received international aid since 1938, when the first IPH unit was established by Chinese medical men with the help of Dr. Norman Bethune, famous Canadian surgeon, who died at his post on the Chinese battlefield the following year.

Mao Studying Pact with Soviet

A Chinese-Soviet trade agreement is one of the scheduled developments from the visit of Mao Tse-tung to Moscow, a New China News Agency dispatch from Peking reveals.

Mao told a reporter his trip would be concerned with "first of all the existing Treaty of Friendship and Alliance between China and the USSR, the question of Soviet credits for the People's Republic of China, the question of trade and a trade agreement between our countries and other questions. Besides this I intend to visit several districts and cities of the Soviet Union in order to become closer acquainted with the economic and cultural building up of the Soviet state."

Brooklyn Youth

LENIN MEMORIAL MEETING

THURSDAY, JAN. 19

Dancing to
MANIE JOHNSON'S ORCH.
THE LIVINGSTON
Schermhorn and Nevins Sts.

MEET ANDY OVERGAARD:

A Man the Employers Would Love to Deport

By Bernard Burton

In his 35-year record both as a militant rank-and-filer and national leader in the labor movement, Andrew Overgaard has seen his share of employer persecution, petty and great. The Department of Justice's latest effort to deport him to Denmark comes under the heading of both.

They picked him up two days before Christmas, held him at Ellis Island, and the holiday was over before the 54-year-old Overgaard was permitted out on \$5,000 bail. When he sought to go back to work at the Adams Stamping Co. in Newark, he found he was also out of a job. The boss at the machine job had conceded to the press that Overgaard was a diligent, competent worker. It makes no difference these days; there is a commanding blacklist, dictated and supervised by the Department of Justice.

AN OLD STORY

But the blacklist is nothing new to Overgaard. He fought it in the days of the Pinkertons, during the open-shop American Plan period, in organizing workers into the AFL, independent unions and the CIO.

"After 25 years," the sandy-haired, ruddy-faced former railroad worker and machinist quipped, "they picked me up for things they knew about me 25 years ago."

Fact is that 25 years ago they had also arrested him for deportation during the delicious Palmer days. That was during the 1924 Chicago convention of the Trade Union Education League, headed by William Z. Foster and the late Jack Johnstone. They seized Overgaard and other delegates, but were then forced to release him.

Overgaard's story ever since he came to this country in 1915 is also the story of 35 years of the American labor movement. In 1915 he joined the International Association of Machinists after going to work in the repair shop of the Maine Central Railroad in Portland, Me. And in the next dozen years he rose to national leadership of the movement which was opposing the "employer-employee law"

money" schemes of the IAM top officials.

He was expelled from the IAM in 1927 along with thousands of others in the "red purges" of the period.

But his activities were as intense after the expulsions as they were before.

He joined the TUEL, that forerunner of industrial unionism, when Foster and Johnstone founded the organization in 1924. And with Foster and Johnstone he was a delegate to the Chicago Federation of Labor, then the most militant union center in the nation. Overgaard represented the Machinists in that body.

At the same time he became head of the Amalgamation Committee in the metal industry. This movement sought to bring together all the craft unions in the industry for joint struggle.

HELP BUILD CIO

When the wave of mass expulsions of militants from AFL unions forced the formation of the Trade Union Unity League in 1925, Overgaard again took a prominent part in the organization. He became the first national secretary of the Steel and Metal Workers League, with headquarters in Pittsburgh. The work of this organization helped lay the foundation for the

appearance later of the CIO Steel Union.

There continued years of intense activity. Overgaard became secretary-treasurer of the TUUL Council in New York. Then national organizer of the Die Casters Union, an independent organization. He helped bring the Die Casters into the CIO at its first convention. Later the union merged with the Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers.

And still later he became a national organizer for the CIO Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers. Wherever help was needed in organization, in strikes, in every kind of labor battle, Andy Overgaard was there, ready willing and able.

The government, as well as thousands of workers across the nation, knew it then and knows it now. And that, of course is the reason they're out to get Andy Overgaard today.

"It's the old story," he said. "They want to work up a diversion, they want to get public attention away from such horrible frameups as the case of the Trenton Six. They keep trying to raise a red-hysteria to divert the workers from the struggle for decent wages and against unemployment. And they keep stirring up the mess because it's part of their cold-war strategy."

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Around the Globe

By Joseph Starobin

Suppression in Latin America

IT'S NOT UNUSUAL that a New Year's card from far away places should arrive a few days late. But an unusual card did come across the desk the other day, from a leader of the Communist Party of Colombia, who sends greetings, and then adds that "things have come to such a point that we are living in semi-legality; some of us, like — and myself are unable to move about the streets freely." That's the way the New Year has begun in Colombia, where Laureano Gomez, fresh from an 18 month trip to Madrid, has become the Conservative Party's president on the wave of a fierce terror against the left-wing of the Liberal Party, the Communists and the trade unions.

Gomez has lost no time. The national police have been increased to 60,000. Not only is the left-wing press censored, including major Liberal Party papers like *El Liberal*, edited by the former president of the Inter-American Press Association, Alberto Galindo, but even dispatches of the United Press and Associated Press (according to my informant) are subject to the government's control.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY headquarters have been closed down. Its publications are suspended, not only in Bogota, but in other cities. And the Gomez dictatorship is using ancient frameup techniques. The leading Conservative paper, *El Siglo*, carried a front-page photo for Dec. 21, 1949, portraying what was found in the Party's headquarters: a photo of Stalin, a coat-rack, two mimeograph machines, a radio apparatus, and a bundle of hand-grenades, and sticks of dynamite!

This is all carefully arranged for the photographer; it is an obvious frameup, but one which lays the basis for hunting down Communist leaders and jailing them for conspiracy. In the same envelope with the New Year's card, my friend sends a four-by-six printed leaflet of four pages, the third copy of the underground publication, *Resistencia*. That's Colombia.

IN NEARBY Venezuela, the Communist Party's lively daily paper, *Tribuna Popular*, has been closed down, and other Communist publications indefinitely suspended. Now arrests have begun, as well as wholesale deportations of trade union leaders. The latest outrage is the arrest and imprisonment in the Carcel Modelo of the outstanding trade union leader, Martin J. Ramirez.

In Haiti, last November, three political parties were outlawed, the Peoples Social-Christian Party, the Worker-Peasant Movement and the Popular Socialist Party. The leader of the last-named—the Marxist party—is Anthony Lesper. Along with nine others, he spent 17 days in jail.

IN ARGENTINA, this has been going off-and-on for months. Now the Communist daily, *La Hora*, about to celebrate its 10th birthday this month, has been closed down tight, while periodicals much further to the Center and Right are also being harassed. In Chile and Brazil this is an old story. The valiant Rio de Janeiro working class press has again been shut down, this time for celebrating the Jan. 3 birthday of the legendary Communist leader, Luis Carlos Prestes.

BUT EVERYWHERE, the peoples of Latin America are fighting back. It is a crime that the commercial press here neither reflects the repression against the Latin American Left, nor the great drama of its counter-attack. In Brazil, despite two years of semi-legality, and frequent clashes with the police that almost invariably result in deaths, the movement for peace is taking on mass forms. And, on Dec. 21, mass meetings all over the country celebrated Stalin's birthday. Outstanding cultural figures expressed their appreciation of Stalin, among them men like the poet-novelist, Jorge Amado; the architect (and designer of the UN building in New York) Oscar Niemeyer; and professor of law in the University of Brazil, Leônidas de Rezende.

The most spectacular of recent activities did get a brief note in the N. Y. Times, but probably nowhere else. That was the feat of unknown Brazilian workers who scaled the vast precipice of the "Two Brothers" mountain, overhanging Rio, and chiseled the name of Stalin on the surface of the stone. The letters were about some 30 yards high and a yard wide—a feat that set the entire country agog.

VIRGIL

By Len Kleis



Letters from Readers

Criticizes Use Of Jargon

Corona, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

As one who spends much time selling the Daily and weekend Worker, I need not tell you how I value the paper. I must, however, say that too many articles are written with such complicated sentence structure and jargon that they make little sense to an average workman. We agree, I am sure, that our paper is intended for more than those who majored in English and economics.

If we are to reach the working masses our political and economic thinking must be presented so people can understand

it. Otherwise, only the politically educated and experienced will grasp the paper's message. ERNEST T.

Welfare Department's Conspiracy of Silence

New York

Editor, Daily Worker:

There is a conspiracy of silence by the Department of Welfare and the Board of Education about the number of children on the relief rolls who are out of school for lack of winter clothing. My estimate is that it is more than 1,000. Neither agency is keeping count. They don't want to know how serious the problem is.

Department of Welfare Investigator

Press Roundup

THE MIRROR'S Drew Pearson reveals what are the major problems weighing on the President's mind: "Three recent White House visitors found Truman concerned about the nation's housing shortage — and worried over daughter Margaret's singing." The catch is — which flats concern him most?

THE NEWS approvingly quotes Mme. Chiang's drivel about driving the "invader" from China, and offers to put up a "prudently long-range bet" that "her predictions will come true." Like the News' predictions for the last presidential election?

THE HERALD TRIBUNE says the "initiative, rugged independence and trading skill" of shipowner Isbrandtsen "would be most admired by those who are now most anxious to stem the Communist successes in China." "But," says the Trib with a big but, "in this instance the virtues of rugged individualism are out of place." You mean enterprise, like speech, press and assembly, isn't really "free"?

THE TIMES finds the President's proposed five billion dollar deficit makes "slightly better reading" than last year's budget. The Times will settle for nothing more than cold comfort because it will settle for nothing less than cold war.

THE COMPASS' T. O. Thackrey, on the "mercy" killing: "I do not believe any body of men is to be entrusted with such awful and arbitrary power, nor any individual."

THE POST'S Frank Kingdon, who thinks that "To Be Frank" means to be foolish, says "we lost in China" to "un-democratic forces" because we were allied with a "dishonest tyrant" instead of "the men of freedom." If Kingdon ever heeded anything but the sound of his own voice, even the reports of reactionary correspondents have conceded that every single political party and grouping in China—save only the right wing Kuomintang—is united in the new republic.

THE JOURNAL - AMERICAN proclaims: "Gold, in the long experience of the ages, is THE BEST KIND OF MONEY THAT CAN BE CONTRIVED." We apologize. We thought old man Hearst was greedy for just any old kind of money.

THE WORLD-TELEGRAM thinks the Truman decision not to grab Formosa was wrong because "American intervention of that kind in Greece under somewhat similar circumstances did not provoke war with Russia." The Telly's high-minded philosophy adds up to — why quit the rackets when you haven't been caught?—R.F.

World of Labor

By George Morris

Radio Operators Already Work Under a Gestapo

PRIVATE INDUSTRY generally is only beginning to feel the thought-control supervised and policed by the military and FBI. But one small segment of private industry is already fully supervised and "loyalty-oathed" by the Navy. It is the radio operators division of the merchant marine.

Men who have sailed as radio operators for 20 or more years, most of them with A-1 records for service during the war under conditions of great danger, are denied a right to work. They receive a letter informing them that:

"You are affiliated with, or sympathetic to the principles or, organizations, associations, groups and combinations of persons subversive or disloyal to the government of the United States."

The simple expedient is Public Law 525 recently enacted by Congress, requiring all merchant ship radio operators to have a license issued by the Coast Guard, in order to sail. To obtain such license from the Coast Guard one must pass the same political and thought-control test that is required for Federal employees.

WHEN THE RADIO operator puts in his application, it is placed on the "investigating" assembly line for such "derogatory" information as may be in the files on the applicant.

Has the name ever figured in Un-American Committee hearings; what was the applicant's politics in the union; what groups in the union, etc.?

To date 3,269 applications came through. Of these there was "derogatory" information on 669. Of these 152 were rejected—72 of them on grounds of "questionable loyalty." The applicant is informed, of course, that he has a right to appeal. But, in accordance with Truman's procedure, he cannot know who his accuser is or even of the specific charge against him so he can refute it.

Since Law 525 went into force, radio operators have been living under a Gestapo-like pall. There is an unending gnawing fear that a wanted license can also be jerked by the Coast Guard any time new "derogatory" information comes from some mysterious source. It may be from a captain or company official, a rightwing enemy or anyone whose path the radio man might have ever crossed. The pattern is made to order for bigots.

In past days the radio men had a union that fought this form of blacklist. But with the advent of Taft-Hartley affidavits and Law 525, a group of disrupters succeeded in pulling them out of the American Communications Association and forming the American Radio Association.

William Steinberg, the ARA's president, is acting more as the agent for the witchhunters than the union official. There is quite a mystery about the man who suddenly appeared as the president of a union. The mystery deepened when the CIO leaders picked him, the head of a union of less than 2,000 members, to file the charges against the 10 unions now facing expulsion from the CIO. No one explained why.

The CIO leaders picked him for the finger-man although they knew of the suspicion that pointed to his connection with the Mackay Radio Corp., and of his strikebreaking role in a walk-out of marine engineers. His connection with Mackay, whose employees he is trying to raki, came to light by accident several weeks ago when a letter addressed to ARA from the company's labor relations director, was mistakenly delivered by a messenger to ACA with offices in the same building. It contained the complete list of the names and addresses of the company's employees—something the ACA was denied until that time. The suspicion of collusion became even greater when the company clumsily tried to pull Steinberg out of the hole.

It need hardly be added that Steinberg is no help to members victimized by the Coast Guard. In a recent meeting he noted that some members took independent action, including legal, to defend their right to work and formed a committee that is soliciting for help from the members. Finger-man Steinberg advised the members to give no help to this committee "because it is believed that the money will be used to further the cause of the Communist Party."

Most radio operators will not forget the unionism they learned when in the ACA. They will recognize the Steinbergs by the pattern of their operations and distinguish them from those who they know pioneered in unionism in their field.

COMING: Story of the N. Y. Sun . . . by Joseph North . . . in the weekend Worker

Rally to the Miners

THEY ARE SHARPENING THE KNIFE for the miners union.

Both the Democratic leader in the Senate, Scott Lucas (D-Ill) and GOP leader Robert Taft are roaring for Taft-Hartley action against the embattled miners.

John L. Lewis warns that the coal operators and their political agents in Congress are getting ready to start "an orgy of legalized bloodletting" at the mine gates. The use of government force and violence against the miners is not at all precluded if these bi-partisan Tories have their way.

The miners have stuck heroically to their demand for a \$15-a-day wage scale. Lucky is the miner who averages more than three days work a week throughout the year. The miners are fighting for an annual wage of about \$2,500. Yet the coal corporations, with the fattest profits in years have lined up to make this a Waterloo for the miners.

It is more than immediate profits the coal operators are mainly interested in.

Behind the coal companies stand the big Wall Street trusts—the steel, railroad, and banking oligarchy. If they can smash the miners, they'll be ready for the steel union, and the rest of organized labor.

The miners must not fight this out alone!

We urge that expressions of solidarity—both in words and in deeds—be organized up and down the labor movement. The miners' fight is the fight of every American working man and woman.

Another Liar Caught

ANOTHER FAVORITE FBI stoolpigeon has been caught in crude perjury.

This time it is Lawrence C. Ross, so-called "mystery" witness against Harry Bridges, militant labor leader. Ross has been forced to confess that he lied wholesale about crucial facts in his life. Earlier, two other members of the government's stable of FBI stoolies were caught in flagrant falsifications. Manning Johnson and Paul Crouch were charged with perjury by Bridges' defense when documents proved they could not have possibly seen and heard Bridges speak at a meeting as they claimed.

The profession of FBI perjurer and frame-up liar is growing fast. It is a notable fact that these FBI finger-men who send decent Americans to jail, who line up fathers and mothers of families for deportation, all are rewarded with comfortable jobs in the government, private offices, or universities.

Thus, Ross was urged by his Jimcrow Southern employer to do the job for the Federal Immigration officer, Bruce Barber, who traveled to Memphis from San Francisco to recruit this perjurer against Bridges.

The Foley Square frame-up against the 11 Communist Party leaders was based on the same kind of wholesale political forgeries cooked up by hired FBI stoolies. How long will the country stand for it?

Flying Arrow Outrage

WHILE MULTI-MILLIONAIRE Lady Chiang was crying for America to go to war to save her loot, Chiang's officers were firing 40 shells into the American vessel Flying Arrow off the coast of China. That ship is now foundering in international waters en route to Shanghai. Her crew and cargo are seriously in danger as a result of the wanton aggression upon her. Yet Washington, which can put on a real scream act when some Standard Oil spy is nabbed in Hungary, Romania or Poland, maintains a calm silence. It is not disturbed at this aggression upon a peaceful American vessel. On the contrary, it not only supplied Chiang's bandits with the guns to do it, but also warns other vessels to avoid trade with China or face the same piracy as the Flying Arrow. Thus, the State Department is using the force and violence of stooges to attack Americans trying to trade with China. What would have happened if the Mao government had attacked the Flying Arrow?

There ought to be a national outcry against this State Department-Chiang attack on American vessels whose sole crime is trying to get the peaceful trade which President Truman said he was so eager to achieve.

THE UNHOLY OATH

By Fred Ellis



As We See It

What Is Needed To Defeat Reaction

By Rob F. Hall

WASHINGTON.

ON MONDAY this column posed the question as to what the American people can do to defeat the developing Fascist and warmongering trends in the country. In this column I do not presume to provide all the answers. But I hope that a discussion of the subject may prove useful.

The point has already been made that the failure of the Truman Administration to make good on its campaign promises is one of the chief causes for the overweening and bellicose display by the Republicans and their helpmates, the southern Democrats.

The Truman cold war policy has set the stage and the GOP extremists are utilizing that helpful atmosphere to dramatize their antics.

The administration's betrayal of the needs of labor and the Negro people, for instance, has resulted in a trade union movement shackled by Taft-Hartley. It has denied the Negro people the political and economic power which have strengthened all popular, democratic forces in America.

Fulfillment of the Democratic Party pledges to repeal Taft-Hartley and enact civil rights measures would have provided the most effective obstacle to a fascist threat from the Dixie-GOP coalition.

ON THE other hand, the Republicans have learned from four years' experience that the louder they yell their exorbitant demands, the more President Truman and his party leaders will retreat. Truman's commitments to price and rent control, housing legislation and the rest, are not taken too seriously, when it is recognized that he will default on them at the first burst of opposition.

The Republicans are well aware that Truman's cold-war budget imposes very narrow limitations on expenditures for domestic needs.

The reason the Truman Administration has defaulted on its solemn pledges is, in a word, because the American people, especially the trade unions, have not fought sufficiently hard for them.

But since the people sincerely desire these reforms, where do we find the explanation for their failure to exert pressure comparable with the heat put on by reaction?

IN THE first place, the people have retained too many of their illusions concerning both the intentions and the ability of the Truman Administration. Millions of trade unionists and millions of the Negro people have, at the insistence of their organization leaders, come to rely upon the administration rather than on their own strength to secure enactment of legislation vital to their welfare. This has proved disastrous as any check of the performance of the 80th and 81st Congresses will show.

In the second place, the power of the people has been almost fatally weakened by maneuvers, invented by the GOP but adopted by the Democrats, to divide the trade unions and other organizations along ideological or political lines. Every honest observer, regardless of his politics, will admit that the Communists and other advanced workers, usually described as "left," have always made an enormous contribution to the unity and militancy of popular, democratic and anti-fascist movements. In trade union struggles, it was their activity or leadership which frequently made the difference between a lost strike or a victorious strike, a wage cut or a wage increase. It has been the same in the political field.

Yet today, because of the determination of some trade union officials to place the labor movement behind the imperialist aims of Wall Street, the union movement has been split and almost made impotent. The movement for Negro rights has been retarded by the desire of some Negro leaders to remain acceptable to the political hacks who have long winked at white supremacy.

The movement for peace has been partially stifled because many who ardently want peace fear to collaborate with men and women the Attorney General slanders as "subversive."

The administration has utilized every means at its command to persecute those who champion peace and genuine international control of atomic en-

ergy, in its own efforts to isolate the voices of sanity.

THE RESULT is that not only are the Communists and the workers of the left isolated, but these popular movements are also isolated from the vigor and dynamism of the left. In such a situation, the people and the nation are the losers.

It is necessary for the people to unite, regardless of ideological or political differences, in a powerful movement to compel the Truman Administration and Congress to make good on their promises of progressive legislation. Trade unions obviously should not rely again on Truman to secure the repeal of Taft-Hartley—that will come only if from the grass roots to Washington, the line of militant pressure is unbroken.

Progressives cannot rely on the administration for FEPC or other civil rights legislation, as the pessimism of Truman's lieutenants on Congress has already shown.

It should be obvious, too, that the administration cannot make good on its campaign promises without reversing the course of its foreign policy which it pursues in behalf of Wall Street interests.

Further, it should be self-evident by now that in the struggle for these goals, no individual or group should be barred because of their social or political beliefs and affiliations.

These are the guide posts which point to the policies through which the fascist and war danger represented by the Republican Party can be defeated. As for the November elections, it is clear that certain GOP candidates, like Taft of Ohio, who symbolize the reactionary aims of the most pro-fascist sections of U. S. imperialism, must be opposed to the limit. But at this stage the crucial struggle is the united and vigorous fight to make the administration fulfill its promises of progressive legislation and reverse its cold war policies which are the all-important source of the fascist danger.

The UOPWA--A Tough Union in a Tough Field

By Bernard Burton

You don't generally think of office workers, social service employees, architects, insurance agents, bank clerks and all the other white collar branches that make up the United Office and Professional Workers as being tough. But you don't have to talk to employers to find out that the general impression of these workers being "soft" is a wrong one.

Talk, for example, to Big Joe Curran of the National Maritime Union, who likes to put on a show of salt-seasoned ruggedness (especially when there are a collection of goons and cops to back him). And assuming for the moment (and only for the moment) that you can get the truth out of Curran these days, he'd have to tell you that these UOPWA'ers, men and women, were out picketing, manning soup kitchens, getting dumped by shipwrecked gangsters in the bitter winter of '36 when the seamen struck for their NMU and won it.

DAYS OF STRUGGLES

Those were the days that Curran probably recalls with a shudder, the days when he and other rank-and-file like Al Lamson, Howard McKenzie and Ferdinand Smith pulled the ships out in

battle against the musclemen of the shipowners and the AFL. And those were the days when the seamen's leaders appealed to the then small labor movement for support.

Among the first to answer were the small group of organized white collar workers, then in AFL federal locals. Curran at that time did not sneer at "shoreside sailors." For these men and women, with their own courage and persistence, helped inspire the seamen in that history making fight.

TRANSPORT UNION

And if truth serum would work on Mike Quill, he'd also have to tell you the story of how hundreds of UOPWA members went out door to door in 1937 to help the Transport Workers Union win its first election on the subway system. Many of these, like the insurance agents, endangered their jobs in talking union to clients who were transit workers.

The labor movement has long recognized that the organization of white collar workers is about the toughest of union tasks. Fact is the UOPWA has made headway in a field where all other organizations have failed, even powerful unions like the Steel Workers and the United Auto Workers. In the days when labor officials were

more concerned with organizing workers than with splitting unions, they recognized that the rendering of aid to the organization of white collar workers is a primary responsibility of all labor.

TRIBUTE BY LEWIS

John L. Lewis, in 1940, when he was still president of CIO, paid tribute to the UOPWA as a union which has "accomplished a predicted degree of progress with the limited facilities and limited help that could be given them by our own movement." Lewis expressed the hope that more aid could one day be given the white collar workers.

By the actuality is that the UOPWA through the years gave more to CIO than it ever received, and organized a substantial segment of white collar workers in a tough, uphill struggle. More, it organized workers which were later taken in by other CIO unions.

In 1946, for example, when the union was facing a number of tough battles of its own, such as the fight for contract renewal at Metropolitan Life, it turned full attention to aiding the giant General Motors and Steel strikes. UOPWA members in New York collected \$59,000 for those battles.

CAREY'S FIGURES

But neither Murray nor Walter Reuther has expressed the pride and gratification they should have had in that achievement. Instead, Murray's boy James B. Carey gave out with distortions and half-truths at the 1947 CIO convention in Portland, Ore.

He attacked the UOPWA for taking \$142,000 over the years from CIO. As if it were a crime for CIO to aid another union. But even using Carey's figures, the

record showed that this was \$31,000 less than the UOPWA paid into CIO in per capita alone. Further, \$100,000 of the \$142,000 was awarded the UOPWA to 1940, when other unions received far more during the organizing upsurge.

Since 1943, however, the UOPWA received at most \$5,000. But in that same period the UOPWA gave CIO more than \$30,000, not counting strike contributions like the \$59,000 in 1946.

But the UOPWA, like the other progressive-led unions now being brought up for expulsion, has never figured unionism solely on a dollar and cent basis. Its first consideration was whatever was necessary to advance the status not only of its own workers but of the entire labor movement. And it has advanced the conditions of what used to be called "white collar slaves."

A PIONEER UNION

If today office and professional workers enjoy regular hours and living conditions comparable to other trades, thanks are due the UOPWA as the first substantial office union in American history. As a matter of fact, the union was one of the first to receive a CIO charter after a group of workers in AFL federal locals joined together to form the UOPWA.

Further, it has handed over factory office workers to industrial unions such as Auto, Steel, Rubber and Shipyard. Reuther and Murray, who like to talk about organizing white collar workers, have failed miserably in their own field where hundreds of thousands of office employees are eligible. About all they ever got were those organized by the UOPWA, and they have since lost most of these. And even where such a "labor

general" as Reuther has failed, the UOPWA walked in and did a job. At the Curtis-Wright aircraft plant in Buffalo, in 1943, the UAW was defeated twice by the International Association of Machinists in organizing the plant.

But along came what Reuther sneers at as the "little UOPWA." It fought the same IAM, licked it to a standstill and organized the 3,500 office workers in the plant. UOPWA secretary-treasurer Benjamin Mooney is a former Curtis-Wright worker.

After that, Reuther insisted on his sole right to organize the Lincoln office workers in Detroit. He won the right but he failed to win the workers, and they're still unorganized.

The secret of UOPWA's "toughness," of its willingness and ability to fight is the rank and file character of the union. It's the membership that determines policy and not a few top pie-card artist. And it's that rank-and-file character which the CIO top leaders hate about the union. But it's that same character which gives the UOPWA the confidence that it will lick the attempts by top CIO officials to dismember it.

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New Pamphlet on Deportation Terror

"The Deportation Terror - A Weapon to Gag America," a pamphlet by Abner Green, executive secretary of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, has just been issued. It was announced yesterday by the committee.

The pamphlet takes up the recent arrests in deportation proceedings; the attempt of the Justice Department to use the deportation weapon to intimidate the foreign born, and the terrorization against naturalized Americans.

The pamphlet may be obtained from the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 23 W. 26 St., New York 10, N. Y., at 5 cents a copy; \$3.50 for 100 copies.

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Assails Court Ruling on Denver 4

Upholding of contempt convictions against four Denver citizens was assailed yesterday by Arthur Bary, Rocky Mountain regional director of the Communist Party, as "part of the hysterical anti-Communist witchhunt against all democratic opponents of the cold war."

Bary was one of five persons sentenced to jail in September, 1948, for refusing to give stool-pigeon information. Last Thursday, the 10th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals sustained all the convictions except that of Miss Nancy Wertheimer.

Bary asserted that the action was "cut out of the same cloth as the Foley Square decision in the frameup trial of the 11 Communist leaders." He pledged a "fight against this verdict," which he described as "full of contradictions," and expressed confidence that "the verdict of the American people, the highest court, will sustain us."

Mercy Hospital Fire Toll Reaches 41

DAVENPORT, Ia., Jan. 10 (UP).—The number of dead in Saturday's Mercy Hospital fire rose today to 41 while a special board of inquiry questioned survivors to learn how it was ignited.

Mary Ruth Finnerty, 47, rescued from the mental ward of the blazing building after inhaling smoke, was the second rescued person to die following the fire. She developed pneumonia symptoms.

Says War Scares Hurt Coast Firms

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10 (UP).—Rep. Harry Sheppard (D-Cal.), complained today that certain central-state interests are trying to use the possibility of war to lure industries away from coastal areas.

He said the Mid-Continent Industrial Council is circulating among Congressmen a brochure with the "fantastic" proposal to shift industry from coastal and border areas. He protested that this is the result of "recently publicized policy" of the Defense Department which has made "millions of Americans upset and fearful."

Farewell Reception For Charles Bidien

A farewell reception for Charles Bidien, vice-chairman of the American Committee for Indonesian Independence, and his wife, Eleanor, will be tendered Thursday evening, Jan. 19, at Irving Plaza. Bidien is leaving the U.S. after 20 years residence in New York, as a victim of the Justice Department's deportation drive.

The committee which is sponsoring the farewell affair has requested contributions toward transportation expenses. Offices of the American Committee for Indonesian Independence are at 23 W. 26th St.

Condolences

KATE, GILDA, MARY and IZ, we mourn with you the loss of your father—a true fighter for the working class. — MORRIS, KATE, LAZER, STANLEY.

KATE and SAM, sincere condolences on the loss of your father. Never did he waver in his fight for the working class. — TREMONT SECTION COMMITTEE, BRONX.

To GILDA and FAMILY: We mourn with you the loss of your father and comrade. — Paul Robinson Club, LYL.

Branch 4, Stuyvesant CP extends sympathy to LIZA and ISIDORE on the loss of their dear mother.

Kuomintang Passport No Good in Hong Kong

HONG KONG, Jan. 10.—British immigration officials today suspended recognition of Kuomintang documents, including passports.

Miners

(Continued from Page 2) would grant the demands of the miners.

"The union will next demand a five-day pay for a three-day week because the earnings are inadequate," the report said.

Sen. Robertson, in releasing the report, told newsmen he was prepared to introduce a bill in the Senate in the next day or two which would provide a basis for the prosecution of the miners if the three-day week continues. He said that other Senators had indicated a willingness to support such legislation.

Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich.) is preparing to introduce a resolution asking President Truman to use his emergency powers under the Taft-Hartley Act to compel the mine leader to rescind his three-day week order.

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 10.—The number of miners on strike rose to 75,000 today.

John L. Lewis and other UMW officials refused to comment on the work stoppages.

New work stoppages were reported today in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Alabama and Ohio.

In Pennsylvania, 30,262 are out; West Virginia, 25,000; Ohio, 6,100; Kentucky, 6,700; Alabama, 6,000; Utah, 1,000; Montana, 400, and Virginia, 250.

Invisible Ear

(Continued from Page 1) some 50 FBI men tapping indiscriminately the phone lines of the defendants and others in flagrant violation of Supreme Court rulings and clear language of the Federal Communications Act.

Evidence showed the illegal FBI wire-tap recordings included conversations with newspaper reporters, a quarrel between Miss Coplon's brother and his wife and conversations between Miss Coplon and Archibald Palmer, her attorney.

The tapping of Miss Coplon's talks with her attorney was a clear violation of the Sixth Amendment of the Constitution guaranteeing the accused in a criminal prosecution assistance of counsel. It is impossible for a defendant in a federal criminal case to enjoy unhampered, untrammelled and effective assistance of counsel while government agents are engaging in eavesdropping on consultations between the lawyer and the defendant.

The full extent of the FBI's illegal activities in connection with the Coplon-Gubitchev case and scores of other cases will perhaps never be made public. The FBI agents said they destroyed most of the wire-tap recordings.

Strictures of the court did not permit a full investigation and exposure of the lawless wire-tapping. Complete investigation, testimony at the hearings indicated, may show that even the United Nations telephone lines were violated by U.S. officers in connection with the Gubitchev case.

(This series will continue tomorrow with an article on wire-tapping and the law.)

Congratulations

Congratulations to AUDREY and ERIC on the birth of your son. — Club Paul Robinson, LYL.

USSR Refuses to Sit in UN Council with Chiang Stooze

(Continued from Page 3)

representative of the Kuomintang group is removed from membership in the Security Council.

Tsiang, who was on the spot now, said he would call a special meeting of the Council some other time to consider this resolution. He attempted to move the adoption of the agenda.

Seated around the table for the first time were Ales Bebler, representing Tito's Yugoslavia, and delegates from new members, India and Ecuador, in addition to the other Council members, the United States, Britain, France, Cuba, Norway, and Egypt.

Ernest Gross, Assistant Secretary of State, sat for the first time as a U. S. delegate.

Everybody watched to see how the delegates of Britain, India and Norway would vote, since those nations, in addition to the U. S. S. R. and Yugoslavia, have recognized the People's Government at Peking.

Malik took the floor again to insist he could not accept Tsiang's ruling for delay, since it came from "a person who represented nobody." The Soviet spokesman urged a few minutes wait until English and French translations of his resolution were circulated, and insisted that the meeting could not proceed until the expulsion resolution was voted.

MEETING ILLEGAL

Malik repeated that the presence of a Kuomintang delegate on the council made the meeting illegal, and the USSR would not take part in illegal meetings.

When the vote came, eight countries upheld the Kuomintang chairman, including Britain and Norway, while India abstained, and

Fact-Finders to Meet on TWU Issues

The Mayor's newly appointed fact-finding board is scheduled to begin hearings in a week on demands of the CIO Transport Workers Union covering the city-owned transit lines. The union has been demanding reduction of the 48-hour week to 40 hours at the same pay, a wage increase of 21 cents an hour and other benefits.

The four-man board is headed by David L. Cole, who was a member of the President's fact-finding board which rejected a wage increase in steel. Other members are Theodore W. Kheel, transit industry impartial chairman; Edward P. Mulrooney, impartial chairman of the hotel industry here, and Thomas A. Morgan, president of the Sperry Corp.

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the Tito spokesman sided with the Soviet Union.

Malik then said the ruling was "completely abnormal" since a meeting was taking place with a president who represented nobody, and he added that this could only be a "parody of a meeting."

He then folded his black notebook, and rose from his chair. Five Soviet aides followed him out of the council chamber, and they all walked to their automobile, through a barrage of photographers. When queried by reporters, Malik would not comment on the question of whether the USSR would return to the debate that takes place at 3 p. m. Thursday.

Meanwhile, the council had not yet adopted its order of business, which included a discussion of conventional armaments, and the welcoming of Yugoslavia, India and Ecuador.

At this point, Bebler, the Tito delegate, spoke up for the first time. While supporting the council's rejection of Malik's demand as "correct from the point of view of procedure," the Titoite wanted an adjournment until the situation was cleared up.

Gross, of the United States, supported this move, while rapping Malik's alleged lack of "decent respect for orderly procedures," but Alexander Cadogan, of Britain, opposed it.

After some debate, Bebler failed to press for immediate adjournment, and thus stayed at the session under the chairmanship of T. F. Tsiang, while the flowery speeches of welcome for India, Ecuador and Yugoslavia were heard.

RESULT OF ACTION

The Soviet Union's action was seen here as motivated by two main considerations. First, it was a demonstration of full support to the People's Government of China and an absolute refusal to consider the Kuomintang spokesman as a legal representative, even for a time. Second, it places the capitalist representatives on the spot, both those whose governments have recognized new China, and those who have not but will have to do so eventually.

It obviously will not impress the

Chinese people very much that governments like the British, the Indian or the Yugoslav have recognized Peking but still tolerate T. F. Tsiang's presence at Lake Success.

UN circles were taken by surprise. Prior to the meeting, it was thought that the Soviet Union would make no move to unseat Tsiang since only five Security Council members have so far withdrawn recognition from the Kuomintang. A resolution withdrawing credentials from Tsiang would need at least seven votes.

Instead of waiting, the Soviet spokesman has precipitated the issue, and has in effect served notice that if the Council delays unseating the Kuomintang stooge, it will be transacting business that will be considered illegal.

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- 10:00-WJZ-My True Story
- 10:00-WABC-Bing Crosby Show
- 10:15-WOR-Martin Kane Program
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- 10:30-WJZ-Becky Crocker Magazine
- 10:45-WABC-Dorothy Dix
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- 11:00-WABC-Modern Romance
- 11:15-WABC-Dave Garroway Show
- 11:30-WOR-Just Back
- 11:30-WABC-The Morning
- 11:45-WABC-Along the Danube
- 11:45-WABC-David Harum
- 11:45-WABC-Lunchtime Concert

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- 12:00-WJZ-Ladies Be Seated
- 12:00-WABC-News: Lunchtime Concert
- 12:15-WABC-Midday Symphony
- 12:15-WABC-Norman Brokenshire
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- 12:30-WABC-Nelson Trent
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- 12:45-WABC-Our Gai Sunday
- 1:00-WABC-Mary Margaret McBride
- 1:00-WJZ-News
- 1:15-WJZ-News
- 1:30-WABC-Young Jr. Malone-Sketch
- 1:30-WOR-Hollywood Theatre
- 1:45-WABC-The Guiding Light-Sketch
- 1:45-WJZ-Weather Report: News
- 2:00-WABC-Double or Nothing
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- 4:00-WJZ-The Carter Family
- 4:15-WABC-Studio 54
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- Wednesday, Jan. 11
- 6:00-National Orchestral Association Rehearsal. WNYC.
- 9:00-Groucho Marx show. WJZ.
- 9:30-Bing Crosby show. WJZ.
- 10:30-On Trial. WJZ.
- 8:30-Golden Gloves. WPIX.
- 8:55-Basketball (Seton Hall-St. Francis). WATV.
- 9:00-Abe Burrows Almanac. WJZ.
- 9:00-Television Theatre. WNBC.
- 9:00-Basketball (Columbia-Fordham). WOR.

- WOR-Prince Charming Show
- WJZ-Melody Fromenade
- 4:45-WABC-Young Widder Brown
- WJZ-Patt Barnes
- 5:00-WABC-When a Girl Marries
- WOR-B-Bar, 3 Riders
- WJZ-Challenge of Sam
- WABC-Galen Drake
- WNYC-Children's Festival
- WABC-News: Today in Mass
- 5:15-WABC-Fortis Frome Late
- WABC-News: Today in Mass
- 5:30-WABC-Just Plain Bill
- WOR-Tom Mix Sketch
- WJZ-Sky King
- WABC-Hits and Misses, Quiz
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EVENING

- 6:00-WOR-Lyle Van
- WJZ-News
- WABC-Eric Sevareid
- WABC-Music to Remember
- 6:15-WABC-Sports
- WJZ-On the Century
- WJZ-Allen Prescott
- 6:30-WABC-Wayne Soviet Show
- WOR-News
- WABC-Curt Massey Show
- 6:45-WABC-Turner War Stars
- WOR-San Louie
- WJZ-Johnny Thompson Show
- WABC-Lowell Thomas
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- WOR-Fulton Lewis, Jr.
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- WABC-News: Keyboard Artists
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- 7:15-WABC-News of the World
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- WABC-Jack Smith, Variety
- WJZ-Elmer Davis
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- 7:30-WABC-Guy Lombardo
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- WJZ-Love Ranger
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- 7:45-WOR-I Love a Mystery
- WABC-Edward Murrow, News
- 8:00-WABC-This Is Your Life
- WOR-Can You Top This
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Theatre Report From Our Indianapolis Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS.-An old but little-used weapon was revived successfully here last month as the Indianapolis NAACP branch staged a play, "Naptown Nonsense," to put white supremacists of the Hoosier capital squarely on the spot.

The hard-hitting satire, presented in Crispus Attucks high school auditorium, struck at Jim Crow in every phase of the city's life. Possessing a fresh, well-improvised plot and lines crammed with laughter, the play caught the audience's imagination from the opening curtain.

Underneath the fun was a serious message that got across with explosive power. NAACP leaders said the performance brought together more of their members than any other event in recent years.

Richard C. Henderson, drama critic of The Indianapolis Recorder, testified that he was moved to rejoin the NAACP because "we who did the laughing must now help with the fighting."

THE PLAY was an example of collective action from first to last. It was written, produced, directed and acted by a committee, of which Miss Irene Williams was general chairman.

The script called for a number of comparatively small parts, rather than a few lengthy roles. This made it possible for 28 busy NAACP members and other civic workers to play the speaking parts.

Scenery and props were held to a minimum. William T. Ray, Indianapolis NAACP president, played the part of Mayor Al Feeney, Tibetan goatherd who tried to bring the "Indianapolis way of life" to his village.

Willard B. Ransom, state president of the NAACP, portrayed Police Chief Eddie Grouls, the mayor's "right-hand man" who finally turned on his boss. Any intention of lampooning Indianapolis Mayor Al Feeney and Police Chief Edward Rous was solemnly disclaimed by Radio Commentator Bill Powell, who functioned as a sort of chorus.

The hero, styled in the play William Beam, was a citizen who led the resistance movement known as the NAACP-"Naptown Association for All Kinds of People." The part was ably acted by Orlando G. Rodman, president of the National Alliance of Postal Employees local branch.

The action began as Funny found a book entitled "Democracy at Work in Indianapolis, Indiana, U.S.A." The book, which had fallen from an American plane, was part of a shipment of North Atlantic Pact supplies being rushed to Outer Strombolia.

Funny read the book and called a mass meeting to institute a similar system of government in the village. He had little trouble in persuading the people to adopt democracy, liberty and equality-and to elect him mayor.

THE PROJECT struck a snag when Funny revealed the village must also have Negroes, who would be second-class citizens. No one knew what "Negroes" were. Finally the Mayor decreed that left-handed people would be "Negroes," and that they must wear armbands at all times.

Then followed scenes which showed the police brutally enforcing segregation of left-handed people; raiding a "leftie church" under the guise of suppressing gambling; and discrimination between right-handed and left-handed officers within the police department.

Rev. Clarence T. R. Nelson made a hit as a "good southpaw," in a scene entitled "The Fight for Fair Employment." He obtained minor concessions from a factory board of directors, in order to combat the real demands for fair employment of "that futuristic crowd."

Hearty applause went to Frank R. Beckwith, prominent attorney for his portrayal of a real estate shark heading a "private enterprise slum clearance plan."

Other scenes dealt with restaurant discrimination and rising streetcar fares. The author's committee didn't pull a punch-for instance, taking a healthy jab at Walter White, NAACP national secretary. He was referred to as "a man who invented a chemical guaranteed to turn southpaws right-handed. You may have heard of him-Walter Right!"

"Oh, him-he was only left-handed in his little finger anyway," was the rejoinder.

How the tables were turned on "right-handed democracy" in a skillfully contrived last act, should not be disclosed at this time.

The local NAACP may repeat the performance, it is said. Committee members also are willing to cooperate with other NAACP branches to present the play in other localities.

Saint Subber and Lemuel Ayers, producers of the hit musical, Kiss Me, Kate, have signed Betty Comden and Adolph Green to write the book for the new Cole Porter musical, Out of This World, which the producers plan to do this season. David Wayne and Judy Holiday are waiting for the completed script.

MOVIE GUIDE

•• Excellent •• Good

- THE YOUNG HEARD: Gershwine's film about a Komintern group during the war, perhaps the best Soviet film since the war. Manhattan-Stanley
- THE SILENT FIVE: Another fine film by Vittorio De Sica, the master of the Italian. Manhattan-World Theatre.
- FAME IS THE FUR: An acutely drawn portrait of a British Party misleader, with a complex, studied performance by Michael Redgrave. Manhattan-Little Chicago.
- HENRY THE FIFTH: The Laurence Olivier version of the Shakespeare historical drama. Manhattan-Thalia.
- SHOE SHINE: A fine Italian film about two orphaned boys of Rome. Manhattan-44th Street Playhouse.
- HOME OF THE BRAVE: Despite serious weaknesses, a pioneering film against Jim Crow. Manhattan-Bryant.
- MONKEY BUSINESS: MONKEYFEATHERS. A revival of two Marx Brothers comedies. Manhattan-Gotham.
- BRIEF ENCOUNTER: A revival of the fine British movie about an affair of two middle-aged lovers. Manhattan-Lane.
- THE AFFAIR BEGAN: A fine German film about the frame-up of a Jew which is particularly relevant today. Brooklyn-Astor; Vogue; Bronx-Astor.
- I WAN THE TERRIBLE: Sergei Eisenstein's last film, a skillfully exciting historical pageant. Manhattan-Irving Place.
- THE WINDING: William Wyler's fine adaptation of the play based on Henry James' Washington Square, with fine performances by Olivia de Havilland and Montgomery Clift. Manhattan-Low's Commodore, Low's 72nd St., Low's O'Connell, Low's Sheridan, New Amsterdam, Low's 34th St., Low's Olympia, Low's No. 1, Low's 134th St., Low's Inwood, Brooklyn-Low's Midway, Carlton, Sanders, Low's Belmont, Low's Phipps, Low's Kingsway, Low's Conny Island, Low's Oriental, Low's 64th St., Low's Alpine, Low's Galer.
- THE MUSEUM OF MODERN ART FILM LIBRARY: The Pascal film of Shaw's Pygmalion, with Wendy Hiller, Leslie Howard.
- MAJOR BARBARA: Pamela's fine movie version of the Shaw play, with Wendy Hiller, Rex Harrison. Manhattan-Highgate.
- ON THE TOWN: The movie version of the famous Broadway musical. Manhattan-Music Box.
- END SONG: Distinguished by a fine ballet sequence. Manhattan-Rijou.
- DRIVE THE FATHER: A tragic story of two young lovers incapable of escaping the reach of bourgeois conventions in which they're caught. Manhattan-Paris Theatre.
- ALL THE KING'S MEN: Shallow and insensitive, but Robert Rossen's direction makes this story of a Huey Long imitator worth watching. Manhattan-Victoria.
- ADAM'S RIB: A bunch of good performers make some hilarious moments of the Gordon-Krasa script. Manhattan-Capitol.
- TIGHT LITTLE ISLAND: A charming little comedy about a Scotch island that runs out of whiskey. Manhattan-44th St. Trans Lux.
- BATTLE OF THE BULGE: A documentary style film about the resistance of the French railroad workers. Manhattan-Apollo.
- FALLON BOUL: Carol Reed's direction may make this unimpressive melodrama worth seeing. Manhattan-Bellvue Theatre.
- BATHING BEACH: Six and six, partly redeemed by some humor of the Frank Capra type. Manhattan-Astor.
- WOMAN OF SOUVENIR: The first two-thirds of this film is a brilliant story of how a town falls to expanding capitalism; the rest, melodrama. Manhattan-Mix St. Playhouse.

Skip TOKYO JOE. Report says Japanese fascists and Communists are in cahoots. THE RED BARBER. Story slender about the Soviet Union's policy in Austria.

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Nigeria Leader Warns Britain Of People's Ire

By John Hudson Jones

Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe, Nigerian nationalist leader, Monday warned the British government that unless it ceases its brutal repression and listens to the demands for self-government of the African colony, the people will take matters into their own hands. The American-educated president of the National Council of Nigeria and the Cameroons spoke to a score of reporters at the Hotel New Yorker.

Dr. Azikiwe expressed disillusionment with Truman's Point Four, which he recently discussed with State Department officials in Washington.

He told the State Department, Dr. Azikiwe declared, "We are beginning to doubt the United States' intentions for technical development of 'undeveloped areas'."

Himself a cocoa planter and publisher of five newspapers with national circulation, the 45-year-old Nigerian patriot declared that U.S. officials had balked at giving direct aid to the Nigerians, and said any help would have to go through London under the present Marshall Plan agreements.

"We feel that the United States can keep its gifts if they'll only help to tighten the noose around our necks," the tall, youthful-looking African declared.

LISTS OFFENSES

Azikiwe outlined a long list of grievances against the British which included:

- Nigerians can't sell their own minerals and other products. British agents do this and reap most of the profits.

- The British control the Nigerian legislature.

- The British dominate the General Conference for Revision of the Constitution, which is supposed to announce its recommendations shortly at Ibadan.

- Soldiers and police recently murdered 40 striking miners at Enugu.

- Artificial division of nation into three geographic areas which divide and separate tribes. The Nigerians want the nation divided into tribal and linguistic regions.

Dr. Azikiwe lashed out at British newspapers such as the London Economist and the London Times, which had rebuffed him.

Both had said he was recently going to Prague and Moscow to curry Soviet aid. Dr. Azikiwe said he had intended to go to a Conference on Human Rights in Prague which was called off.

"The result of the falsely angled stories," he said "was that it put ideas into our heads. My people wired me to travel into every capital of the eastern democracies and find out whether or not they could help us." The murder of the miners and the emergency it caused stopped this trip, he said.

"I have nothing for or against Russia," Dr. Azikiwe declared. "But my people are becoming disillusioned with the western democracies."

As for the "two blocs," he declared, "we will have no business with either unless it helps our aspirations of liberation."

Condolences

KATE, GILDA, MARY and IZ, we mourn with you the loss of your father—a true fighter for the working class. — MORRIS, KATE, LAZER, STANLEY.

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To GILDA and FAMILY: We mourn with you the loss of your father and comrades.

—Paul Robeson Club, LYL.

Branch 4, Stuyvesant CP extends sympathy to LIZA and ISIDORE on the loss of their dear mother.

Bronx Spurs NAACP Civil Rights Parley

Bronx preparations for the National Civil Rights Mobilization in Washington, January 15-17, will be highlighted tomorrow night (Thursday) by a mass unity rally at the Morris High School, 166 St. and Boston Road, 8 p.m. The rally is sponsored by the Bronx Youth Council of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and has the backing of several groups in the Bronx Youth Council Against Discrimination.

In Brooklyn the Inter-denominational Ministers Alliance has thrown its active support behind the mobilization.

Teachers Hit School Budget

The Teachers Union yesterday criticized the proposal of the Committee on Finance and Budget of the Board of Education for tentative operational budget for the 1950-51 school year totalling \$232,003,241, which includes a \$13,000,000 item for increased salaries. Last year's budget amounted to \$218,479,090.

A statement issued by Irving Adler, chairman, Teachers Union salary committee, and Rose Russell, legislative representative, declared:

"Teachers will view the Board of Education's request for \$13,000,000 for a salary increase with mixed feelings. While the promise of an increase averaging \$350 per teacher shows belated recognition of the fact that teachers are entitled to an increase, the amount falls far short of the \$1,200 we asked of the city or the \$1,800 needed to restore the real wage of 1939.

"Moreover, no increase is provided for the next six months since this budget is for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 1950. We also know that placing an item in the Board of Education request budget is no assurance that it will be adopted by the Board of Estimate.

"The talk from City Hall about reductions in the total city budget gives us no grounds for complacency.

"The board took a step backward in its failure this year to ask, as it did last year, that seasonal unemployment be ended. The Teachers Union will continue to fight against the dismissals scheduled for this February and for February, 1951. To protest the dismissals and to ask for immediate salary action the union is calling on all teachers to appear at the Board of Education meeting Thursday, Jan. 12 (4:30 p.m.)

Miners

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would grant the demands of the miners.

"The union will next demand a five-day pay for a three-day week because the earnings are inadequate," the report said.

Sen. Robertson, in releasing the report, told newsmen he was prepared to introduce a bill in the Senate in the next day or two which would provide a basis for the prosecution of the miners if the three-day week continues. He said that other Senators had indicated a willingness to support such legislation.

Sen. Homer Ferguson (R-Mich) is preparing to introduce a resolution asking President Truman to use his emergency powers under the Taft-Hartley Act to compel the mine leader to rescind his three-day week order.

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USSR Refuses to Sit in UN Council with Chiang Stoooge

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representative of the Kuomintang group is removed from membership in the Security Council."

Tsiang, who was on the spot now, said he would call a special meeting of the Council some other time to consider this resolution. He attempted to move the adoption of the agenda.

Seated around the table for the first time were Ales Bebler, representing Tito's Yugoslavia, and delegates from new members, India and Ecuador, in addition to the other Council members, the United States, Britain, France, Cuba, Norway, and Egypt.

Ernest Gross, Assistant Secretary of State, sat for the first time as a U. S. delegate.

Everybody watched to see how the delegates of Britain, India and Norway would vote, since those nations, in addition to the U. S. S. R. and Yugoslavia, have recognized the People's Government at Peking.

Malik took the floor again to insist he could not accept Tsiang's ruling for delay, since it came from "a person who represented nobody." The Soviet spokesman urged a few minutes wait until English and French translations of his resolution were circulated, and insisted that the meeting could not proceed until the expulsion resolution was voted.

MEETING ILLEGAL

Malik repeated that the presence of a Kuomintang delegate on the council made the meeting illegal, and the USSR would not take part in illegal meetings.

When the vote came, eight countries upheld the Kuomintang chairman, including Britain and Norway, while India abstained, and

Fact-Finders to Meet on TWU Issues

The Mayor's newly appointed fact-finding board is scheduled to begin hearings in a week on demands of the CIO Transport Workers Union covering the city-owned transit lines. The union has been demanding reduction of the 48-hour week to 40 hours at the same pay, a wage increase of 21 cents an hour and other benefits.

The four-man board is headed by David L. Cole, who was a member of the President's fact-finding board which rejected a wage increase in steel. Other members are Theodore W. Kheel, transit industry impartial chairman; Edward P. Mulrooney, impartial chairman of the hotel industry here, and Thomas A. Morgan, president of the Sperry Corp.

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the Tito spokesman sided with the Soviet Union.

Malik then said the ruling was "completely abnormal" since a meeting was taking place with a president who represented nobody, and he added that this could only be a "parody of a meeting."

He then folded his black notebook, and rose from his chair. Five Soviet aides followed him out of the council chamber, and they all walked to their automobile, through a barrage of photographers. When queried by reporters, Malik would not comment on the question of whether the USSR would return to the debate that takes place at 3 p. m. Thursday.

Meanwhile, the council had not yet adopted its order of business, which included a discussion of conventional armaments, and the welcoming of Yugoslavia, India and Ecuador.

At this point, Bebler, the Tito delegate, spoke up for the first time. While supporting the council's rejection of Malik's demand as "correct from the point of view of procedure," the Titoite wanted an adjournment until the situation was cleared up.

Gross, of the United States, supported this move, while rapping Malik's alleged lack of "decent respect for orderly procedures," but Alexander Cadogan, of Britain, opposed it.

After some debate, Bebler failed to press for immediate adjournment, and thus stayed at the session under the chairmanship of T. F. Tsiang, while the flowery speeches of welcome for India, Ecuador and Yugoslavia were heard.

RESULT OF ACTION

The Soviet Union's action was seen here as motivated by two main considerations. First, it was a demonstration of full support to the People's Government of China and an absolute refusal to consider the Kuomintang spokesman as a legal representative, even for a time. Second, it places the capitalist representatives on the spot, both those whose governments have recognized new China, and those who have not but will have to do so eventually.

It obviously will not impress the

Chinese people very much that governments like the British, the Indian or the Yugoslav have recognized Peking but still tolerate T. F. Tsiang's presence at Lake Success.

UN circles were taken by surprise. Prior to the meeting, it was thought that the Soviet Union would make no move to unseat Tsiang since only five Security Council members have so far withdrawn recognition from the Kuomintang. A resolution withdrawing credentials from Tsiang would need at least seven votes.

Instead of waiting, the Soviet spokesman has precipitated the issue, and has in-effect served notice that if the Council delays in seating the Kuomintang stoooge, it will be transacting business that will be considered illegal.

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Hollywood:

Only Whites Win Lottery Prizes

By David Platt

WHY NEGROES rarely, if ever, win prizes in radio or movie lotteries was made clear to me for the first time the other day when I bumped into a friend who works as a film salesman for a major movie company.

Recently he had discussed with the city manager of a big theatre chain the details of one of those motion picture publicity campaigns where a local girl is chosen "Queen for a Day."

You're probably familiar with the workings of this box-office stunt. The lucky winner is winned and dined for a day, has her hair done, is given a complete new wardrobe by local promotion-minded merchants with possibly a week-end in New York.

The main problem, this city manager carefully informed my friend, the salesman, was to be sure that the "lucky" winner would NOT be a Negro.

In this particular instance the winner was to be chosen by a series of "drawings" (that is, a sort of lottery in which stubs are pulled out of a box).

The manager told him that the possibility of a Negro winning the lottery was scientifically eliminated by means of the following: When it got to the point in the lottery where only 25 stubs were left—only one of which would be drawn as the winner—the theatre chain would make a careful check of ALL 25 remaining tickets. That is, they would have the addresses, character and color of these 25 people thoroughly investigated.

My friend was assured that this investigation would be quietly conducted, so quietly that the individuals themselves would know nothing about it.

The tickets of the five people (as it happened in this particular lottery) who turned out to be Negroes were immediately removed from the drawing and five new names (properly investigated of course) were substituted.

The same procedure was followed in the case of contestants who turned out to be too poor, or too old or ugly—though here the check was more perfunctory.

The main check, the manager emphasized, was to make sure that the whole stunt "wouldn't be embarrassed by a Negro winner."

In other words, as my friend, the salesman, observed as we took leave of each other, "democracy in practice on the amusement front is as affected by Jimcrow ideology as other phases of life in America."

SHAKE HANDS WITH THE DEVIL: Edward J. Pope, Jr., who calls himself a documentary producer-writer and who owns or is connected with the Seaboard Studios, 157 E. 69 St., N. Y., is attempting to produce an "A" picture, capitalized at \$225,000, based on the play *Shake Hands With the Devil*, a play purportedly about the Communist "11," recently produced by the Blackfriars Guild, a Catholic theatre organization. Mr. Pope seems to be tied up with Paul O'Brien of the movie legal firm O'Brien, Driscoll & Raftery, 152 W. 42 St. This firm is announced as counsel for the proposed picture and they are to get a \$5,000 fee for their legal services. These facts come from their mimeographed prospectus which appeals to investors, to "invest in America's Future." Investors are told the picture will earn 6 percent on their investment plus 25 percent profit.

A friendly film lawyer who called our attention to the above, saw this play, *Shake Hands With the Devil* written by one, Robert C. Healey. "It's the worst play I've ever seen," he commented. "Though it purports to be a documentary dramatization of the trial at Foley Square, it is full of the crudest distortions and downright lies. It is sheer drivel but dangerous nevertheless. Even the Wall St. Journal had to confess it was bad."

SPEAKING OF DRIVEL—dangerous drivel—Mrs. Sara Denman of Philadelphia writes angrily of a recent double-bill at her neighborhood theatre: "I saw the movie *Border Incident* with George Murphy and Howard da Silva and think it's wrong. It makes the big shots good and the plain people bandits and crooks. It's the big shots—the Parnell Thomas—who are the real crooks. The gangster film was part of a double feature at the Uptown, Broad & Dauphin. The other affair was *Sea Biscuit*, about a horse—a good horse I suppose. But I didn't like the insults to the Negro people in that picture. The Negro maid looked pretty artificial. I have women, Negro women who come to my store; some are domestic workers, some are factory workers. They are all intelligent, dignified women not "yes mam" and "no mam".... A relative of mine wanted to go to the movies and I came along. I'm sorry I took him to my neighborhood theatre. I'm ashamed of the pictures my neighborhood house is featuring."

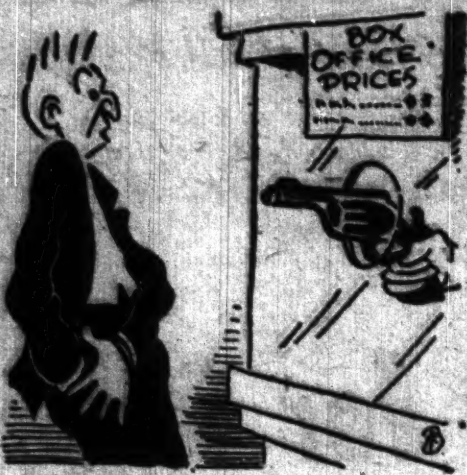
Mrs. Denman didn't say whether she took the trouble to lodge a protest with the theatre manager.

J. B. Priestley's 'Delight' Affords Moments of Reading Pleasure

Delight, appropriately enough, is a book in which author J. B. Priestley has set down, amiably and

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urbanely, some of the things in life which afford him delight, be it ever so humble or transient. These



On Stage:

Carson McCullers' New Play 'Member of the Wedding'

By Herb Tank

IN CARSON McCULLERS' Member of the Wedding, Broadway has another play riding the main stem of the current "serious" commercial theatre. Member is a little sister to the plays of Tennessee Williams. It is more precious, ingrown and subjective. It is skillfully projected by a director and a group of actors whose development of their own craft in a naturalist and illusionist tradition dwarfs that of the playwright. Broadway will buy it.

THE PLAY is a series of subjective, apparently autobiographical, sketches from the life of an adolescent Southern white girl. It takes place in a small Georgia town against a lower middle class background. The girl is extremely "sensitive," neurotic, and suffering from a feeling of rejection. She wants to belong. She wants to be loved. Although she is loved lavishly and tenderly by the Negro cook this is obviously not the measure of human love and belonging the play is concerned with. Since her brother is about to marry she decides that she will be a member of that wedding, she will belong and become a part of them, and go with them into a world of colorful adventure and intense satisfaction. Until the fact of the event, she cherishes this illusion. With the event, the illusion is destroyed. She threatens suicide, runs away, and comes back. A few months later she develops a friendship with a girl her own age, feels that she belongs now, and rejects the Negro cook.

What little there is of this makes up the play's main narrative. It suggests that people all want to belong to something, be part of something, be a member. I say, suggests, because it is not a statement. It is a mood. True, it is a mood that provokes sweetly painful sympathy on the part of a middle-class audience, but because it is not a completed statement, it leaves them where they were before.

The playwright's task—by this re-

"THE MEMBER OF THE WEDDING"

Drama by Carson McCullers, from Mrs. McCullers' novel of the same title, presented by Robert Whitehead, Oliver Rea and Stanley Martineau at the Empire Theatre.

James Holden	Julie Harris
Janet De Goro	Ethel Waters
William Hansen	Brandon De Wilde
Margaret Barker	Mitie Blake
Joan Shepard	Phyllis Walker
Harry Holden	Henry Scott
Jimmy Dutton	

viewer's yardstick—would have been to examine this mood, probe its basis in reality and develop a statement in accordance with objective reality. Such a statement might well begin: man is a social being and can only realize his humanness in social relationships—and go on from there. The playwright does not do this. And since she starts with a mood and completes no statement her play is a group of sketches, variations on a theme, without genuine structural development.

THERE IS A SECONDARY, and very sketchy, narrative thread that runs through the play. The son of the Negro cook resists the poisonous relationships of the Jimcrow South. He struggles. He kills a man. He hangs himself in jail. And everything he does is done off-stage.

Here, for a moment, the future intrudes on the play. Intrudes—because the playwright rejects it.

In life, the Negro (or white) who resists these poisonous social relationships indicates the future—and in them, and through them, the future begins to take shape.

In Carson McCullers' play the future is rejected. The Negro who resists is presented not as he is in reality but as those who fear him see him. He carries a razor, he smokes reefers, he is a burden to

his "good" mother, he dances and blows a trumpet, and finally slits a man's throat. And this is McCullers' equation: the other side of the coin of resistance to the very evils that poison the lives of all her characters.

And so from a mood that easily envelopes a middle class audience and soothes them into emotional responsiveness the play slips into its sub-narrative and obscures and distorts the true nature of social relationships in the South. In a play that is rapidly being hailed by critics for its sensitivity and human insight the Negro characters are depicted in the same clichés and stereotyped terms as in the Hollywood film, with the same content, and wrapped up in the same package of pious white sympathy.

THE CLURMAN directed production of this play is a dazzling exhibition of theatrical craftsmanship and some theatrical trickery. The craftsmanship, through the method of Clurman and his actors, projects every nook and cranny of the inner life of those characters sufficiently close to the author to be granted an inner life. The trickery is expressed in the hard, commercial use of cliché curtains and the neat use of naturalist devices to keep the audience hypnotized while the play is standing still.

The performances are all on a high level of craftsmanship. Julie Harris gives an amazingly rich portrayal of the adolescent girl, and eight-year-old Brandon DeWilde holds the audience quite neatly in his small palm by his own intense belief in the character he portrays, and Henry Scott and William Hansen maintain the level of excellent performances in parts of less dimension. In the midst of this actor's dedication to "inner truth" Ethel Waters plays her own style with great assurance and effectiveness, both eyes peeled to the audience, and with an unfortunate tendency to extend laughs that in most instances are based on comfortable white chauvinism.

MISS McCULLERS has written a play, I believe, drawn from certain memories of her own childhood. She writes as a sensitive and white, Southern intellectual and this is the extent and limit of her vision: Her sensitivity withers as it moves outward from herself and attempts to include Negro characters. Member of the Wedding encloses the middle class audience in its mood of sweet well-smertz and lets them escape into the adolescent soul struggles of the young girl heroine. It will probably be "the play of the season." If this is so, can Truman Capote be far behind?

Dance:

Martha Graham On B'way Jan. 22

Martha Graham will be back on Broadway at the 46th St. Theatre for the week of Jan. 22 after an absence of two seasons. She brings three works not previously seen by New York audiences and a new comedy-satire as yet untitled. Erick Hawkins heads the company which has been on tour with Miss Graham and, for the limited New York run, Pearl Lang, Yuriko and Nantanya Neumann will be back with the company and as guest artist dancing their original roles, May O'Donnell.

Opening Sunday evening, Jan. 22, and running through Sunday, Jan. 29, with a matinee on the second Sunday, the week offers nine performances. The opening night will offer the first New York showing of *Eye of Anguish*, Miss Graham's new work for Mr. Hawkins based on the early Gaelic legend of the mad king Laogaire from which Shakespeare's *King Lear* derived. Miss Graham has completely by-passed the Shakespearean tragedy for the more archaic period of the original for this work, which has, so far, been seen only on tour. The score is by Vincent Persichetti. The work will be performed with *Errand Into the Maze*, *Herodiade* and *Appalachian Spring*, three successes from previous seasons, and will be repeated on Wednesday and Saturday evenings.

Monday evening will see the premiere of Miss Graham's new comedy, in which she will appear. Paul Nordoff, who composed the score for her other comedy, *Every*

Soul Is a Circus, is the composer of this one. It will be seen with *Herodiade*, *Cave of the Heart* and *Appalachian Spring*, and will be repeated Thursday evening and Sunday, Jan. 29, at the matinee.

Tuesday evening, Jan. 24, will offer the first performance hereabouts of two new works: Miss Graham's *Diversion of Angels*, for the full company, and Erick Hawkins' *The Strangler*, based on Oedipus' colloquy with the Sphinx. Score for the first is by Norman Dello-Joio. The other new work makes use of poetry by Robert Fitzgerald and the score is by Bohuslav Martinu. It will be done with *Deaths and Entrances* and repeated Friday evening and again on the final night, Jan. 29.

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In This Corner...

By Bill Mardo

Should Boxing Be Outlawed?

TIME TO OPEN the mailbox.

"I am a young woman who has been reading your columns regularly—and I think both of you are great.

"For a long time I have wanted to raise the whole question of boxing, and am finally forced to do so by the latest casualty—Carmine Vingo.

"Yes, I agree with you that the vicious racketeer system which surrounds the boxing arena today in our country is pretty sordid. Sure, we've got to fight against it. Sure, we have to fight for medical checkups on the fighters, etc.

"But I want to ask a more basic question. What is at all healthy about boxing? Must we have it?

"I am a sports enthusiast—take part in many sports myself, and I believe firmly in encouraging men and women to partake more fully of some form of athletics.

"But, believe me, just as I hope in time to see Socialism before I die, so do I hope to live to see the end of a sport which allows two men to beat each other's brains out in a ring.

"I would like to see you raise this whole question in one of your columns. I have a hunch that many will agree with me.

"A CONSTANT READER,

"Mount Vernon, N. Y."

WELL, THE YOUNG LADY asks a very basic question, one which I thought I'd answered in the general approach this corner has consistently taken toward boxing. But let me again generally restate my feelings on this.

Is professional prize-fighting as we know it today healthy? Obviously the answer is no. There is nothing healthy about any business which demands people to batter and be battered as a means of earning a living. And, as I've said time and again, the spectacle of such a "sport" is as damning an indictment as any of our society and the cruel alternatives it offers people insofar as making a living is concerned. The sons of the rich don't go in for prizefighting. But the ranks of the ring are filled with kids from off the tenement street slums, the destitute farms and the unemployment lines.

Boxing "booms" with new faces during times of depression. Kids who can't find jobs and who don't want to stand in line at some flophouse for a bowl of soup will out of desperation find themselves saying yes to some fat wheeze of a manager who says, "You got a nice build there, sonny, didja ever think of making a buck in the fight game?"

Must we have boxing? Well, here I think it's important to remember that we have much in our popular commercial sports which is evil. We have a slave contract in organized baseball's reserve clause. We have promoters making fortunes out of college basketball and the kids themselves getting nothing—and when you contrast the free tuition and the board or any of the other "compensations" offered athletes to play basketball or football at one or another school—it still adds up to nothing in contrast with the millions made by the promoters season in and out. You have professional football players jobbed out of any share in the playoff rounds and receiving only a comparative pittance if they crash into the final game—but the clubowners make an added mint out of the extra labors of the hired hands in games going beyond the regular season's schedule.

I could go on and on with examples of how a corrupt social system inevitably corrupts in its crass commercialism the sports scene which it fosters. Naturally, I don't mean the athletes become corrupted, or the games of basketball and baseball or football become anything less than the wonderful games which they are—as games—and which could be twice as wonderful if employed as leisure activities and body-building sports which are the property of the people and not the parasitical promoters.

Now of course boxing is an extreme example of commercial sports because it requires people to inflict the most obvious forms of punishment upon each other. For this reason alone it must be considered the worst of our sports under capitalism. It has become a veritable graveyard for too many of those working at it for a living.

Should commercial boxing be outlawed? Nothing would give this sports writer greater satisfaction than to see this cruel business prohibited by law. But now we come to the hub of the young lady's question. What is the most practical approach to the question of boxing today? What sort of campaigns can be waged by progressives with the possibility of realizing practical objectives? Do you expect the powers that be to prohibit prize-fighting when it's such a richly remunerative plum for the promoters and the politicians. You mustn't ever forget the political roots of pro prize-fighting run deep indeed, parties in power control the various State Athletic Commissions, handpick the administrators of boxing, "clear" appointments as judges and refs and commissioners, etc. To say nothing of the city and state revenue derived from the taxes obtained out of fight promotions. And, lastly, do you expect boxing can be outlawed to any large degree simply because it's cruel, corrupt and dangerous? I mean it's not dangerous or cruel for the men who own it or control it. When Carmine Vingo collapsed in the Garden there wasn't a promoter or politician or Athletic Commissioner in the country over who felt one twinge of pain.

Another thing to be considered is this: Would the general

ASSEMBLY URGED TO PROBE BOXING EVILS

B'KLYN DEMO ALSO TO STUDY 'DAILY' PROPOSALS

By Michael Singer

ALBANY, Jan. 10.—The first state measure to seek prevention of tragic ring deaths and stem the rising number of prize fight injuries was introduced in the Assembly today by Philip J. Schupler, Brooklyn Democrat. Schupler's resolution calls for an effort to

Baseball Tidbits:

Robby Not for Sale; Jints Hike Thomson

Those silly but oft-repeated rumors that Branch Rickey would sell star second baseman Jackie Robinson to the Boston Braves before the new season opens, was emphatically squelched by the Brooklyn Dodger president yesterday.

Stopping off in Fort Worth to visit his Texas League farm club, Rickey laughed at the sell-Robinson stories and commented with a grin. "Brooklyn is not selling players it needs."

Rickey also took time out to deal with the recent remarks of Bob Carpenter, prexy of the Phillies, who had declared that Dodger catcher Bruce Edwards wasn't worth \$200,000 and neither was any other Dodger player.

"If any National League club can say that no player on the Brooklyn roster or the St. Louis roster is worth \$200,000, then that club has no need whatever for another topflight player and certainly should win the pennant."

Outfielder Bobby Thomson of the New York Giants, who rated as one of the most improved players in the major leagues last season, sent in his 1950 signed contract yesterday, accepting terms which called for a substantial raise in pay.

The right handed centerfielder, only Giant to play in all 156 games, finished with a batting average of .309, sixth highest in the National League, and he was third in total number of hits with 198 behind such redoubtable batsmen as Jackie Robinson of Brooklyn and Stan Musial of St. Louis.

sports public support a campaign to outlaw boxing? I don't think so. Not yet anyway. Boxing has fostered a popular appeal for the past half-century which enjoys the support of the vast sports public. Now an appreciation of the science of boxing per se is fine, and a love for its great champions is all to the good—but the boxing fans have not yet dug too deeply into themselves as to what it is they are actually supporting. The question of the money nature of commercialized pro prize-fighting as it operates today has not been examined by sports fans. And there must be a great deal of education done on this.

I believe the most practical approach to this question and one which in itself provides such an education is by campaigning and agitating on the most easily recognized evils of pro boxing—the criminal lack of reforms, medical and otherwise, which will make the ring just a little safer for those who work at it. By demanding safety legislation, medical reforms, competent officials and so on, one is, at the same time, exposing the very nature of a business which has callously ignored these life and death questions.

I think boxing fans who are not yet ready to concede that prize-fighting should be outlawed, would and should, on the other hand, support the campaign to provide elementary safeguards for the ringmen and stop the increasing fatality rates. And to the degree progressive sports fans wage such a campaign, and bring it to the boxing public, to that degree will fight fans become more educated as to the fundamental needlessness of such a professional sport and for its ultimate abolishment. But right now let's fight on those fronts where mass public support can be gotten, and can be exerted to win certain immediately urgent reforms.

And you're quite right, young lady. Under Socialism, men will not have to punch each other purple for a pound of steak. But they will compete in and enjoy the genuinely human and popular sport: boxing, can be in the hands of a mass workers' athletic program. They will be able to box without the criminal commercial fetters attendant upon it today as a desperate way of making a living.

Court Notes

Kentucky, which has been working up a head of steam ever since its defeat here by St. Johns, whacked North Carolina 83-44 Monday night. How they'd love to try the Brooklyn redmen again. But will have to wait for the tourney. They are one sure bet to return. . . . One less major unbeaten. Indiana's speedy juniors were nipped by Michigan on a last second shot at Ann Arbor 69-67 but still are in that race. Everybody loses a few in the Big Ten scramble. Only Holy Cross, Duquesne and Cincinnati now unsullied. . . . Northwestern, gaining favor as a dark horse, whipped Minnesota 60-53. Illinois bounced back from its Ohio State shellacking to take Purdue 59-54. The remarkable Dick Schnittker bounced right back to court form after the Rose Bowl game. . . . Oklahoma beat Missouri in a major step toward its conference title. . . . Loyola, off its CCNY defeat, shellacked Syracuse 71-59, goodly margin to beat the Orange in the upstate gym. . . . But Loyola has already lost too many to rate as tourney repeater. Same goes for Bowling Green, Utah, and maybe San Francisco.

"ascertain what proportion prize fighters actually suffer brain damage and other ill affects in later life" from beatings suffered in the rig.

The Brooklyn assemblyman said he was not proposing any specific measures, but that action should be taken to prevent the recurrence of the near-fatal injuries suffered by Carmine Vingo, 20-year-old Bronx heavyweight, who was knocked out two weeks in Madison Square Garden and is still recovering from a serious brain concussion.

Schupler said he was "interested" in the proposals made by Bill Mardo, Daily Worker sports co-editor, who listed a series of measures designed to prevent ring casualties and serious injuries. He promised to "study them."

Mardo's proposals for ring medical and administrative reforms have already received the endorsement of Dr. Samuel B. Milton, Wayne County coroner who investigated the recent death in Detroit of Negro lightweight Talmage Bussey.

Prepared to receive a "storm of protest" from those with a monetary interest in boxing, Schupler declared that real sport lovers would support a serious and "prompt investigation" despite all the maneuvers by "they can't hurt us" managers and promoters to stop it.

"Perhaps we can restrict the number of years that a man can fight; perhaps we can add further padding to the gloves; perhaps other measures will be suggested," he said, but "we owe it to the youth of our state that we make this effort to eliminate the evils of boxing."

Don't Rave Yet Says McDermott

FERNDAL, N. Y. — Maurice (Mickey) McDermott of the Red Sox, who has been likened to Lefty Herb Pennock, Lefty Grove and Lefty Gomez, thanked the experts for their compliments but begged, "please, no more comparisons."

Don't get him wrong, the 21-year-old Boston southpaw is grateful to those who think he has the makings of another Pennock, Grove or Gomez, but:

"Comparing me to those great pitchers just doesn't make any sense," declared the baby-faced, blond hurler from Poughkeepsie, N. Y. "Those fellows were up in the majors a long time and established their reputations over a period of years, but me, I'm just a 'Johnny-come-lately,' he pointed out. I'll be satisfied if I win even half the games that anyone of those pitchers won."

"Frankly," he says seriously, "my big ambition is to see our club win the American League pennant. What good is it if you win 20 games and your club doesn't win? Look at fellows like Mel Parnell and Ellis Kinder. Both of 'em won better than 20 games last season, yet I'm sure each would have settled for half a dozen victories less if we could have won the pennant."